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TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH MILITARY

Tinian mayor urges creation of military-civilian council

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Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas has written to Gov. Eloy S. Inos urging the establishment of a military-civilian advisory council to engage issues from military development that affect community access, fishing rights, utility interconnections and water rights.

San Nicolas, in his Oct. 20, 2015 letter to Inos, is referring to Part III of the technical agreement signed and simultaneously executed with the Covenant nearly 40 years ago.

"It is of critical importance to the future of Tinian that proper planning is achieved. Only a civilian military council as envisioned

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CNMI grades Air Force historic findings a 'non-concurrence'

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The Pacific Air Forces, a major command of the U.S. Air Force, has incorrectly gauged the potential effects to historical properties from a divert airfield on Saipan, according a letter sent from the Commonwealth government to the Air Force on Monday.

The CNMI—through the Historic Preservation Office—has written a letter of "non-concurrence" to the Air

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Docomo: Only 193 residences, major hotels have cable TV

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Docomo Pacific Internet operations manager Dan Camacho shared with members of Rotary Club of Saipan the system and infrastructure changes currently underway within the cable and telecommunications company following the destruction wrought by Typhoon Soudelor.

"We are back online but not the entire island. The southern part of the island is fine but the north has teams working to repair the damages to the cables," he said.

The latest data collected reveals that only 193 residences as well as major hotels have cable TV connection.

"We are working on building our own undersea fiber optic cable which will lower the rates for our customers," he said.

Currently, Docomo is buying

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Docomo Pacific Internet operations manager Dan Camacho speaks with members of Rotary Club of Saipan about system and infrastructure changes in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

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Local

Search for Zhao now on its second week

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The search for scuba diving instructor Mei Hua Zhao is now on its second week, but authorities still have found no trace of her.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday that they are still following up leads. He did not elaborate.

Tarkong also denied rumors in the community that there was

a body found in Garapan over the weekend.

Zhao's husband, Guang Zhe Xuan, 45, told *Saipan Tribune* last night that he is sad that until now police could not find his wife. He said he is still hoping that she is still alive.

Xuan said with what happened to his wife, he is still thinking about his plan for their dive shop that they had just opened in Gualo Rai.

The couple owns Go Pro Div-

ing on Tinian and Saipan. They established the shop on Tinian many years ago.

Xuan said he does not know the identity of the businessman who is offering a

\$100,000 cash reward for tip on finding Zhao alive. He appealed again to anyone who has information about his wife to call the police.

Zhao's last communication

with Xuan was last Oct. 19. At that time, Xuan was on Tinian while his wife was reportedly in Gualo Rai after she had just finished diving excursion with customers.

Xuan was reported missing the following day. Zhao's Toyota Tacoma was found by her friends the following day, Oct. 20, parked behind Joker's Bar in Garapan.



Zhao

Cruising along Korea's Han River

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Han River is a major river in South Korea and the fourth longest river on the Korean peninsula.

The river has played an

important role in Korean history as the former three kingdoms struggled to take control of the land surrounding the river. It was used as a trade route to China.

Today, the Han River is no longer actively used for navi-

gation as its estuary is located at the borders of North Korea and South Korea. Some parts of the river, particularly in Seoul, are lined with restaurants, public parks, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle paths.

Considered as among the most scenic locations in the city, it is no wonder that a romantic and idyllic cruise along the river is an attraction for both locals and tourists in South Korea.

E-Land Cruise is now the only cruise in the Han River, and with their tours at night, you can surely enjoy the Seoul's cityscape at night.

It is among the popular ac-

tivities of couples and often becomes a venue for marriage proposals and anniversary. Families and friends also come aboard to celebrate special days such as birthdays and farewell parties.

The cruise was also Featured In One Of The Popular Korean Dramas Entitled "You Who Came From The Stars."

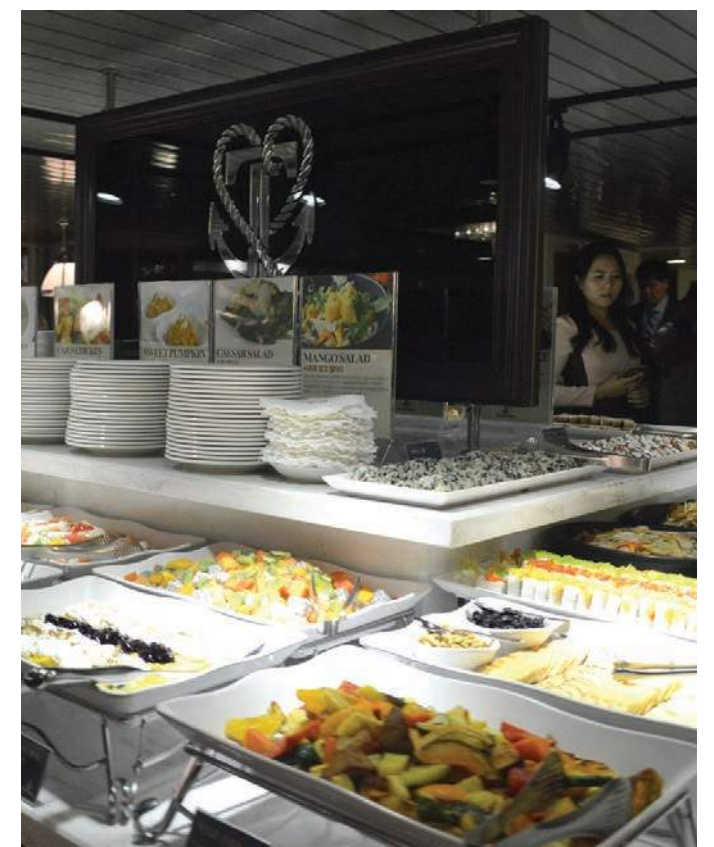
Aboard the cruise, customers will enjoy a buffet as well as on-board live entertainment. Some cruise will also have other activities such as fireworks, while sometimes you can also be on time for the water and lights display in one of the river's bridges.

The cruise lasts for about 45 minutes and costs between 12,000 and 60,000 won or roughly about \$12 to \$60.



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DOL: USCIS CW reduction is huge

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The recent lowering of the annual limit for CNMI-Only Transitional Worker permits for fiscal year 2016 by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services was "surprising" according to CNMI Department of Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero.

"It's a surprise to everybody, meaning the huge number reduction, but it's not necessarily a surprise because we all know what the law calls for under U.S. Public Law 110-229, that they need to gradually reduce the CWs in the CNMI," DeLeon Guerrero said.

Last week, the federal government announced the 1,000-count cut for the visas, meaning only 12,999 CWs could be issued for the new fiscal year.

Last year, USCIS only lowered the count by one, placing the cap at 13,999.

DeLeon Guerrero said the reduction is allowed within the statute and that is "what the law calls for."

U.S. P.L. 110-229 calls for the gradual reduction of CWs in the Commonwealth. The discretionary authority as to

what the "reduction" will be all falls under the USCIS.

"The discretionary authority for the U.S. Department of Labor, that's all taken away. The U.S. Secretary of Labor does not really have the decision to indicate the number of visa. That's all under USCIS, Homeland Security authority so that's what they did, they executed their authority," DeLeon Guerrero said.

In a press release last week, the USCIS said the Department of Homeland Security "reduced the FY 2016 CW-1 limit by 1,000 to meet the CNMI's existing labor market needs and provide opportunity for potential growth, while meeting a regulatory requirement to reduce the numerical limit each year."

The reduction does not only affect the workers and employers per se, but also the budget that would be allotted for training to replace these foreign workers under the CW fund.

With every CW permit, a \$150 per beneficiary is collected for the fund.

"The anticipation of less 1,000, if you don't hit that ceiling of 12,999 cap, you can already tell that the amount of

money will be lesser," DeLeon Guerrero said.

This, she said, can result to obstacles in the program.

"Without the necessary funding to support the institutions that are providing the training, that would definitely raise some kind of obstacle," DeLeon Guerrero said.

The law also calls for the eventual phasing out of the CW program by 2019.

Asked what could be the trend for the reduction for the next three years, considering that the 1,000 count is moderate as compared to the needed zeroing in, DeLeon Guerrero said no one knows but now is the time to prepare.

"For the next fiscal year, no one knows exactly what will be the decision, that's too soon to tell but we definitely should start preparing," DeLeon Guerrero said.

"It's not that we're not preparing since the inception of U.S. Immigration, but we need to start looking ahead and realizing that the numbers will continue to drop unless something changes in terms of U.S. regulations," she added.

DeLeon Guerrero said invoking the 902 negotiation is the "best vehicle" to discuss the issue "because of the magnitude and the impact that it would do to the economy of the Commonwealth."

» Reduction in permits will also affect funding for training



INSTALLATION

New Saipan Postmaster Christopher A. Warren, third from right, poses with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) and other U.S. Postal Service officials, CNMI officials, and some members of the community during last week's installation program for Warren at the Saipan Post Office.

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House backs PSS \$3-million USDA loan

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House of Representatives passed yesterday a bill approving a \$3-million Public School System loan to construct about

10 new classrooms in the Commonwealth, among others.

House Bill 19-59, HD1 authorizes PSS to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a sum not to exceed \$3,000,000

to build early head start centers and to pave roads and parking lots on Rota and Tinian.

PSS has identified the use of project funds for two classrooms each at Garapan Elementary School, San Vicente Elemen-

tary School, Oleai Elementary School, Dandan Middle School, and Koblerville Elementary School. Koblerville will also have its parking lot paved.

Some 62 parking slots will be paved at Tinian Elemen-

tary School, according to PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburg during a public comment during the House session yesterday. Another 60 slots will be paved at Sinapalo Elementary School, and 26 parking lots will be paved at JMR Head Start Center.

Project money will also go to

pad a mounted transformer at Kagman Elementary School.

The House passed the bill with amendments to provide that the Commonwealth Development Authority board also approves the loan. PSS says the guarantee for the loan is its 25 percent of the general appropriations.

USDA helps reduce high-energy costs in remote rural areas

WASHINGTON—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently awarded nine grants to help reduce energy costs for residents in remote rural areas where the cost of producing electricity is extremely high.

“These grants will help deliver energy more cost-effectively and will help the

environment,” Vilsack said. “Providing this funding is one of many ways that USDA helps grow the rural economy. When businesses and families spend less on fuel and electricity, they have more money to invest in the local economy. This helps create jobs and benefits entire communities.”

USDA is providing \$7.9 million through the High Energy Cost Grant program, which is administered by USDA’s Rural Utilities Service. Vilsack also noted that energy conservation, through programs like this, helps improve the environment by reducing carbon emissions and the use of fossil fuels.

High Energy Cost Grants may be used to improve energy generation, transmission or distribution facilities in communities where the average residential cost for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average. Grants are available to businesses, non-profit groups, states, local governments and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Funding for each grant is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the grant agreement. The grantees are:

Alaska

■ Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium: \$426,916 to retrofit sanitation systems and train operators in the eight communities of Napaskiak, Nunapitchuk, Chefornak, Nightmute, Tuntutuliak, Newtok, Teller and Tununak. These communities have no road access, high energy costs and struggling economies. The project will increase energy efficiency by upgrading interior and exterior lighting; installing new controls for heating systems and laundry services, new controls for water storage and pumping; and making weatherization improvements.

■ Puvurnaq Power Co.:

\$857,920 to integrate a 200 kilowatt lithium ion-based battery energy storage system into the wind-diesel power system in Kongiganak, Alaska. This project will lower fuel consumption by up to 20,000 gallons per year and save the the community about \$92,000 annually.

■ Ipnatchiaq Electric Utility: \$175,071 to 1) bring electricians to Deering for five weeks; 2) replace three deteriorated poles; 3) replace insulator caps; 4) repair the distribution system and 5) train staff at the utility to operate and maintain the system. The Ipnatchiaq Electric Utility is in Deering, Alaska, on the Kotzebue Sound at the mouth of the Immachuk River, 57 miles southwest of Kotzebue. The 122 residents are predominantly Alaska Native (Inupiat Eskimo). (**USDA**)

DOCOMO

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bandwidth from IT&E to support their cable services, which operates at a 5-second delay.

“Live satellite has been reinstated and we have 59 channels total,” he said.

He shared that pay-per-view is a future possibility and that the public access channel with live feeds of legislative sessions is still on-going.

Camacho adds that the main reason it’s taking long to repair their cables is that their

current system uses specific amplifiers, cables, and transmitters that are no longer in the market.

“We were forced to upgrade which is good for our customers but the downfall is that it’s taking us longer because we are rebuilding our entire infrastructure,” he said.

Docomo expects to see improvements that match services in Guam with live streaming and television, Internet, and cable bundles.

When asked to comment on hidden or additional fees these improvements may

require, Camacho stated, “They will be assessed based upon bandwidth. Any increase won’t be a lot, maybe just a few cents.”

“Right now the infrastructure is being focused on to prepare the connection to the undersea cable,” he said.

Restoration of Internet Services

Camacho said Internet connectivity to homes has not been restored as of yet.

“We’ll be activating our cable modem services when we repair the cables but the

speeds will still be same due to bandwidth constraints,” he said.

When the undersea fiber optic cable is installed, cable, telephone, and Internet should be improved upstream and downstream.

He estimates that this should cost \$40 million or more and notes that there will be changes in billing.

Members of Rotary express that they hope this levels the playing field.

“With any competition,” he says, “there will be a price drop in service, hopefully.”

AIR FORCE

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Force’s August findings of effect on historical sites. The letter details ways the Saipan Historical Landmark district would be compromised by the construction and operational activities of the proposed divert project on Saipan.

The letter comes two months after the Air Force proposed their findings of effects on these historical sites. In their August findings, the Air Force finds that the proposed action would have no direct adverse effect on contributing elements to the Aslito/Isley Field, of the Saipan Landing Beaches [a national historical landmark], Aslito/Isley Field, Marpi Point National Historic Landmark [NHL] or other historic properties on Saipan.

In their letter, HPO takes issue with PACAF’s method of analysis, which sticks to labeling and identifying effects as “direct or indirect.” According to the HPO letter, that is not the issue at hand, as federal historic preservation law requires federal agencies like the military to “resolves the potential adverse effects of their program.”

“On an island the size of 44 square miles, the proposed construction and operation activities will cause significant adverse affects to recognized historical properties,” writes HPO. “The construction and operational activities at the seaport and airport and the fuel transfer trans-

portation route to and from the airport are all directly situated in the ‘heart’ of Saipan’s commercial and tourism districts.

“The incredibly small scale size of the island of Saipan is in the NMI opinion a controlling factor and should not be discounted or disregarded when evaluating potential adverse effects to a NHL,” HPO writes.

Parking apron

HPO details the effects of a parking apron on two historical bunkers from World War II situated along the taxiway of the Saipan airport in an open field of grass with security fence off in the distance. HPO says these two bunkers are situated in highly visible and a prominent location at the Saipan landmark. Passengers departing or arriving on aircraft at the airport pass directly by these bunkers either on the way to and from the arrival/departure gates, HPO said.

HPO says the construction and use of a parking apron would be a “direct effect” on these two properties. “PACAF’s plan to build an apron near and/or around the bunkers (or, moving the apron a small number of feet) and to refuel jets parking on the apron when the field is in use will have direct effects. . . [Building] will affect the integrity and physical interpretation” of the landmark, HPO said.

Fuel storage and delivery system

HPO also objects to the construction of a fuel storage area and hydrant system that

they say will “more than double the amount” of property currently used at the landmark to store fuel.

The proposed pipeline will be situated or pass within a small number of “feet” of two additional bunkers and only yards away from on the NHL’s most outstanding historical Japanese military buildings, HPO wrote.

HPO says the fuel storage will close-off and fence-in a large amount of “open-space” at the landmark, as the area where it is proposed now is a completely unrestricted area and an common site for people on weekends and during holidays to picnic, exercise or run through.

“Fencing and closing-in open space within close proximity to historical properties would be obviously change the open and natural surroundings of these properties within the NHL. Building a fence around the fuel storage and delivery system components will remove from the public the right of entry onto that property,” HPO said.

“Using this property as a restricted access area will result in a reduction in the size of the NHL open and available to the public and affect the overall feel of the NHL. Therefore, and contrary to PACAF’s assertion otherwise—the Divert undertakings at the Saipan NHL would lead to additional access restriction and the fuel storage and delivery system will directly affect the NHL.”

B-29 hardstand, old

taxiway

HPO notes that the divert project’s parking apron, fuel storage facility, and maintenance building would all be built on B-29 hardstands or the landmark’s taxiway both inside and outside the airports security fence within the NHL. HPO says this construction “right on top” of these features is further evidence of a direct adverse effect that would “conceal or shroud portions of historic properties in the NHL.”

“While PACAF maintains that the hardstands are deteriorated and not recognizable, they nonetheless still form the basic network and fabric that ties the landscape setting together under the theme of the NHL. . . They are significant historical components within the boundary of the Saipan’s NHL devoted to the bygone airfield activities which will be directly impacted by the proposed project,” HPO said.

Tinian option

HPO withheld comment on the findings on the “Tinian option” of the divert project, as they say an ongoing request between federal agencies to provide a National Park Service report on the impact of Marine Corps Forces Pacific plans to training in Tinian will discover that the two live-fire and divert plans are “potentially linked” and NPS would therefore consider the two projects in its report. That report is a Sec. 213 report under the National Historic Preservation Act.

MAYOR

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and authorized by Covenant. . . can accomplish this in the short time frame we have before DOD imposes its will upon Tinian,” San Nicolas said.

San Nicolas, in his letter, said that in light of the Department of Navy’s decision to conduct supplemental studies to resolve outstanding issues relatives to the “Commonwealth Joint Military Training” plan and in recognition of the fact that the CNMI was founded on the philosophy of mutual consent, the CNMI has the “opportune moment to invoke the provision” in the agreement to establish the council.

“Unlike the broader Article 902 [of the Covenant] talks that you have suggested your office and [the] U.S. government undertake, this council was mandated to focus on military community issues and relations in regards to fishing rights, base access, utility interconnections, water rights and mutual rapport for first responders, all local community issues,” San Nicolas said.

San Nicolas notes that a properly formulated Civilian-Military Advisory Council can help resolve outstanding issues with the Department of Defense, “including but not limited to: existing congestion at the Tinian seaport; existing public rights of way usage; repair of maintenance of roads and historic areas; resolving civilian and military solid waste disposal issues; resolving future waste issues to protect the aquifer; assuring sustainable water production by planning future ground water extraction plans and protection

of the aquifer by all users; resolution of high explosive weapon training on Tinian, joint use and repair of transportation systems; be it the harbor, the roads, or the airport; and protection of our coral reefs and other natural resources.”

Inos earlier said that the Navy’s live-fire project threatens the CNMI-U.S. partnership, with its proposed take of the entire of island of Pagan for large-scale, live-fire training (including artillery, aerial, and ship-to-shore bombardment) and to radically and unilaterally alter the previously agreed activities carried out on the military use portion of the island of Tinian.

“The Department of Defense’s present day intentions will, in effect, amend the Covenant and other technical documents,” Inos has said.

The technical agreements, though, were predicated on promises of a military base on Tinian, one with shared access to amenities, health, and entertainment facilities, among others, between Tinian and the U.S. military.

Administration officials have discussed these promises as part of the strategy for requested official consultation talks between the Inos and the White House, *Saipan Tribune* gathered yesterday. The Tinian lease—which leased two-thirds of Tinian land for Defense purposes, and relevant technical agreements and promises—are expected to be part of 902 talks requested in light of the military’s live-fire plans.

“The administration has received the letter and we have always planned to incorporate this issue into 902 consultation,” the administration said when sought for comment yesterday.”

Man gets 27-day prison term for domestic violence

A man accused of hitting his wife with a wooden chair at their home in Kagman, has pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace and was slapped with a 27-day prison term.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho accepted Thomas Dela Cruz Joab's guilty plea and the plea agreement.

Camacho sentenced Joab to the full maximum of six months, all suspended except 27 days.

Joab was given credit for 27 days of time served. It means he will no longer serve jail time.

The defendant was placed on two years of supervised probation and ordered to stay away from all poker establishments during the probationary period. He was ordered to pay \$200 in probation costs and \$25 in court costs.

Joab was required to com-

plete any counseling recommended by the Community Guidance Center.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on Sept. 26, 2015 on Saipan, Joab argued with, yelled at, and pushed his wife, causing her to call police.

The wife spoke at the change of plea hearing. She supported the terms of the plea deal. She said she wants her husband to come home and not to have a stay away order from her.

Police said the wife called the Department of Public Safety on Sept. 26 at 3:25am, saying Joab hit her with a wooden chair at their home. A police officer noticed a bump and a scratch below the victim's left elbow and bruising on the left rib area. Joab allegedly got upset when he saw her hugging her friends at a restaurant. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed to pray for those who struggled and are struggling with cancer at the Commonwealth Cancer Association's fundraising event for Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the Naked Fish last Saturday.

FRAULINE S. VILLANUEVA

USDA approves \$50K grant to repair housing for low income families

HILO, Hawaii— The USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant program approved a \$50,000 grant to the Hale Aloha O Hilo Habitat for Humanity. In turn, Habitat for Humanity will provide funds for repairs for two to three homes of very low income families who currently do not qualify for bank or conventional loans.

According to Chris Kanazawa, USDA Rural Development State Director for Hawaii and the Western Pacific, this program provides hope for people who otherwise may not be able to repair their homes. "Hilo is a high rainfall area with Habitat for Humanity's most frequent request being to repair or replace roofs," he said. "Through the Rural Development program, we've been able to provide the funds for these sponsoring organizations for much needed repairs. We've not only helped save homes, we've improved the quality of life for our rural families."

These home repairs are expected to create jobs for several small, local contractors and their workers as well as generating sales to local supply houses.

The Housing Preservation Grant is available to sponsoring organizations in rural areas and towns with 20,000 or fewer people. Repairs can be used to repair or replace electrical wiring, foundations, roofs, insula-

tion, heating systems and water/waste disposal system. The program is also available to make homes handicapped-accessible.

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Newly inducted Rotarian Tao Xing, Imperial Pacific vice president for corporate services and communications, expresses his excitement to the Rotary Club of Saipan and asks for their help in drafting goals for improving the CNMI.

Rotary Club inducts Imperial Pacific's Tao Xing

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Imperial Pacific International Holdings Lt. vice president for corporate services and communications, Tao Xing, became Rotary's newest member yesterday during their weekly membership meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

According to Rotary Club president Curtis Dancoe, Tao will be placed under the entertainment services for Rotary.

In an effort to build the company's community service ability, Tao says, "If there's any need, we want to be part of the solution. We want to leverage thousands of volunteers."

Recognizing the various needs of the community and its limited resources, Tao added, "This is for the purpose of employment, the environment and the revival of the culture."

Tao also asked the Rotar-

ians to help him draft Imperial Pacific's vision and goals for the CNMI.

Imperial Pacific is the mother company of exclusive casino licensee Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

"We talked about putting Saipan in the top 10 of travel destinations. We need to find inspiring goals so we have a lot of work to do," he said.

Last week Rotary inducted five members, namely Triple J Saipan constructions operations manager Mario Valentino, retired engineer Steven Connor, Imperial Pacific public relations director David Largent, Micronesian Legal Services Corp. executive director Lee Pliscou, and Imperial Pacific corporate vice president Mary Mendoza.

"It is our duty as Rotarians to continue to induct new members to strengthen our community," Dancoe said.

Tourist who reportedly jumped from hotel already buried

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REPORTER

Wan-xu Jiang, a 30-year-old Chinese man who died after reportedly jumping from his hotel room, was already buried and his belongings were returned to his mother, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

Businessman Ta Bun Kuy said Jiang's body was buried at the Tanapag Cemetery last Wednesday morning and in the afternoon on that same day, police investigators returned Jiang's belongings to his mother, Lian Ping Yu.

Ta assisted Yu in preparing Jiang's burial.

Saipan Tribune learned from sources that only a shirt and a few items, and less than \$50 were found in Jiang's hotel room.

Citing bank records in China that showed Jiang withdrew \$50,000 a few days before coming to Saipan, Yu believes that her son still had a large amount of cash in his possession when he died.

Sources said Jiang checked in at Grandvrio Resort a day before he was found dead. Sources said Jiang was scheduled to check out on that day.

It was not clear where he stayed on Saipan prior to the day of his death considering that he arrived alone on the island last May 22. It was not clear where he put his other

belongings.

Sources also disclosed that police recovered Jiang's watch worth \$12,000 from a Chinese woman who works at a massage parlor in Garapan. Police found out about the watch upon seeing a receipt of the item.

The woman handed the watch to police, who in turn gave it to Jiang's mother, sources said.

» \$12K watch, other belongings returned to mother

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday he would check about the matter.

Yu, a 59-year-old engineer, has disagreed with the police's findings that her son killed himself by jumping from his hotel room on the 18th floor of Grandvrio Resort in Garapan. She believes that her son may have accidentally fallen from the balcony of his room.

Yu stated that her son died last June 12, but that the Chinese Embassy in Los Angeles only informed her about his death last Sept. 18.

Yu arrived on Saipan last Oct. 6 accompanied by Jiang's godfather, Wen Dong Li, 62, also an engineer. The two already returned to Dalian Province. It was their first time to visit Saipan.

Yu said her son joined the Chinese army but was discharged after sustaining some injuries during an exercise. She said her son then worked as a computer IT.





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From left, Make-A-Wish Foundation board member Eleanor Cabrera, Pacific Islands Club Saipan executive assistant Vicky Benavente, and Make-A-Wish Foundation board member and PIC Saipan director of sales and marketing Kanae Quinn pose during the turnover of the check donation.

PIC Saipan donates to Wish Night fundraiser

The Pacific Islands Club Saipan recently donated \$500 cash, a "2 Night Deluxe Stay for 2 including Breakfast" and a "Seaside Grill Dinner for 2" for the Make-A-Wish Wish Night Fundraiser slated for Nov. 13, 2015, at the Naked Fish Saipan.

"We as a company want to donate to Make-A-Wish to help kids in our community who struggle with illness," said Vicky Benavente, PIC executive assistant.

Tickets for Wish Night are \$50 per person and include food, drinks, live music, silent auction, raffles, and fun. Tickets will be available for sale at the Naked Fish Bar & Grill, Gold's Gym Saipan and board members Eleanor Cabrera (483-4117) and Kanae Quinn (285-1168) or email

cnmiwish@gmail.com for more information.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Founded in

» **Make-A-Wish Foundation needs donations to fulfill wishes for CNMI Wish Kids**

1980 when a group of caring volunteers helped a young boy fulfill his dream of becoming a police officer, the foundation is one of the world's leading children's charities, with 64 chapters in the United States and its territories. With the help of generous donors and nearly 25,000 volunteers, the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants a wish every 37 minutes and has granted more than 200,000 wishes in the United States since its inception.

Indictment amended vs woman facing enticement of minor charge

The U.S. government amended yesterday the indictment filed against Alexandra Castro Macabalo, a woman facing a charge in federal court for enticing her then-15-year-old cousin to engage in sex for cash with a government official in 2013.

The amended indictment still has the same charge of one count of enticement of a minor.

The original indictment charged Macabalo with enticement of a minor by "persuading, inducing, and enticing" a minor to either "engage in prostitution," or "any sexual activity for which any person could be charged with a criminal offense."

The amended indictment removed the second clause.

U.S. District Court for the NMI

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona allowed the U.S. government to amend the indictment.

Manglona said by dropping the second clause, the proposed amended indictment simply withdraws "one alleged method of committing" the crime.

"Such a narrowing does not require resubmission to the grand jury," said Manglona in granting the U.S. government's motion to amend the indictment.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents arrested Macabalo last April after a complaint was filed in court, charging her with enticement of a minor to engage in prostitution and other sexual activity.

The indictment was later subsequently filed. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Transfer Station, Marpi Landfill to return to pre-Soudelor operations

Solid Waste Management Division said effective Monday, Nov. 2, 2015, the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill will return to its regular pre-Typhoon Soudelor operations. This means a residential disposer or individual homeowner who hauls refuse gener-

ated from his own residence is allowed up to 500 lbs without charge in a single trip per week, and any excess weight will be charged on a per ton basis. Disposal rates still remain unchanged for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Special Waste. (*PR*)

For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit guam.wish.org. (*MAWF*)

Stray dog complaints reach Mayor's Office

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REPORTER

The Saipan Mayor's Office has been receiving complaints about stray dogs on the island.

"There are a lot of complaints about stray dogs," Mayor David M. Apatang said, "We get calls about dogs chasing kids."

He added that they also got a complaint about a dog destroying couches and clothes.

Apatang added that they have been actively picking up stray dogs randomly in villages since this month. However, the dog shelter is still in dire need of repair.

The roof of the dog shelter has fallen in and cages were covered with tarps to keep the dogs dry. About 30 dogs are currently in the shelter.

The Saipan Mayor's Office estimates that between \$200,000 and \$350,000 is needed to repair the dog shelter that was badly devastated by Typhoon Soudelor.

They have requested assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the funding but repair work is still yet to be done.

With the shelter damaged, the

spay and neuter program that was supposed to be this month is on hold.

Apatang said the program could be pushed to next year, depending on how soon we can get the funding.

"We have to get things in order first," Apatang said, "There's no roof. We have to fix it."

Last May, a 10-day program was held by the Mayor's Office, Humane Society International, and Animal Balance at the shelter in Lower Base and in Kagman where over 300 dogs were spayed and neutered.

» **Spay and neuter program on hold**

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12 students and locals to go on a 5-day trip to Japan

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REPORTER

Students and locals from the CNMI will be having a five-day trip to Japan next month.

According to the Saipan Mayor's Office student cultural exchange program coordinator Yuki Kishimoto, nine students and three chaperones will participate in the educational and cultural trip from Nov. 13 to 18.

The visit is sponsored by Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai or KSKK.

Kishimoto said the itinerary of the students includes sightseeing, shopping and a trip to Disneyland.

"We will be spending a day or two with the host families and during the rest of the stay, we will be at the National Youth Center," Kishimoto added.

The students, namely Jona-

than Wolf, Sieji Gonzales, Selina Taitano, Roderick Jarai Pierce, Genzo Gonzales, Yoo Jin Park, Emily An, Shizuka Takayama, and Debby Siu, range from sixth to 12th graders and are from Dandan Middle School, Chacha Ocean View Middle School, Saipan Community School, Kagman High School, Mount Carmel School, and Marianas High School.

Zolenska Yaroitemal, the 2015 Liberation Queen will also join the students. Chaperons will be Margaret Aldan and Kishimoto.

Kishimoto said KSKK students will in turn be visiting Saipan this December.

The next Japan trip will be hosted by Sanpo-en on February.

"They weren't able to visit Saipan during summer due to Typhoon Soudelor, but those

that weren't able to make it this summer are planning to visit next summer," Kishimoto said.

KSKK and Sanpo-en group has been visiting Saipan for

over 30 years. They visit the island annually during summer, but KSKK usually come twice a year on summer and winter. In exchange, the students

of Saipan also get the chance to visit Japan.

KSKK trips are usually during autumn on October or November and February under Sanpo-en.

Oleai Elementary School PGFC competition winners

K-2 DIVISION Readers Forum B:

2nd Place-Dwayne Tabhan
4th Place-Krislaine Cabanas
5th Place-Ingrid Mallari

Impromptu Speaking 5th Place-Oceania Teigita

Readers Forum B

2nd Place-Latisha Ann de Jesus

3-5 DIVISION Humorous Interpretation

1st Place-Lars Wolf
5th Place-Deejay Santomin

Readers Forum Masters

3rd Place-Evon Mallari
5th Place-Oceania Teigita

ESFDB, NMC-CREES partner for School Garden Workday Pilot Project

A school garden is a powerful environmental education tool. Through gardening, students become responsible caretakers.

Last Oct. 24, the Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja administration, teachers, parents, students, and Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service staff Solly Takai-Nakamura kicked off the School Garden Workday Pilot Project.

After cleaning the garden site, what are left are various types of banana trees and mango trees. In the coming weeks students will be planting various fruits and vegetables.

The mission of the School Garden Workday Pilot Project is to help Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja create, sustain, and use onsite gardens by providing resources, professional consultation, and educational programming.

"We envision a future in which school garden education helps children become healthy adults who eat their fruits and vegetables, know the basics of growing food, and contribute

to a thriving community," said administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig.

"They (students) have an opportunity to engage in agricultural practices on a small scale, learning about the responsibilities and impacts of land cultivation. They may be able to explore the interactions among the living and nonliving players that sustain life. By doing so, they develop a greater understanding of the natural world," added Atalig.

The partnerships between ESFDB, NMC-CREES, and the community play an important role for a gardening pilot program to flourish.

"Being part of our school gardening was rewarding because we are being educated in gardening at the same time we are getting good grades for our involvement," said student body council public relations officer Cyrus Atalig.

Student body council treasurer Marvin Clitar said, "The pilot project will not only benefit us students but benefits our local community in so many ways."

"For children, a garden offers the only chance to get close to nature. The School Garden Pilot Program provides students' first opportunity to dig into the soil and watch their plant grow. By deepening children's sense of connection with nature, school gardening can inspire environmental stewardship," said board chair Edward Maratita, Jr.

"Also the pilot project offers hands-on, experiential learning opportunities in a wide array of academic disciplines, including the natural and social sciences, math, language arts through garden journaling, visual arts through garden design and decoration, and nutrition," added Maratita.

The administration, faculty and staff, students, and board of directors appreciate and thank the students, parents, Edward C. Barcinas, Harry Masga, Solly Takai-Nakamura (NMC CREES) for helping Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja in cleaning and creating a spectacular learning environment through the School Garden Project. (PR)



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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-16-001

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified insurance firms to provide workers' compensation insurance and administration for CUC's employees throughout the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and when on official business away from the CNMI.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 29, 2015 to be considered.

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-16-001, Workers' Compensation & Administration", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than November 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 30, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Procurement Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

JOHN RIEGEL
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

CUC: Solomon transformers to arrive today



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Just a few of the 306 transformers from Solomon Corporation that are being flown to Saipan on five Boeing 727s. The transformers will start arriving today from Kansas City.

The final shipment of 306 transformers from the Solomon Corporation is scheduled to arrive this afternoon when Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will take delivery of the most critical piece of the restoration puzzle. The arrival will complete CUC's order of 486 refurbished transformers from the Solomon

Corporation, the first 180 of which were delivered Oct. 11.

CUC Acting executive director, John Riegel, welcomes the arrival of Solomon's transformers and credits the efforts of CUC's in-house team and visiting disaster responders for getting restoration crews the materials they need.

"This order was the product of a coordinated effort between CUC and our local, regional and federal partners. Without this partnership, our recovery would be delayed by months, during which time our community would suffer without essential services," said Riegel.

Solomon Corporation is the largest rebuilder of oil-filled transformers in the United States and the largest employer

in Solomon, Kansas. With over 45 years of experience providing electrical power in disaster areas, Solomon is uniquely qualified to respond to domestic or international emergencies.

Solomon chief executive officer Tom Hemmer said his employees are no strangers to dealing with disasters, which is one of the reasons they worked extra hours and weekends to complete the shipment for CUC customers as soon as possible.

"Our employees live in towns where powerful tornados can and do damage to the local areas. When a large storm hits our community, neighbors help one another to clean up, rebuild and restore the vibrancy of everyday life," said Hemmer. "For the 570 employees of Solomon and

our new friends in Saipan, this is really about that simple value of one neighbor helping another neighbor. We are very grateful we were chosen to assist your community."

The transformers were loaded on six trucks at Solomon headquarters in Solomon, Kansas Monday, Oct. 26, at 7am local time and departed the Kansas City International Airport 9:30pm. After refueling in Honolulu, Hawaii, the plane is scheduled to arrive in Guam this morning. The transformers will then be flown to Saipan on Boeing 727s in a series of five flights, the first of which is scheduled for arrival at 4:45pm local time. Solomon's Manager of its International Rapid Response Division, Keith P. Kenney, said

he has been in constant communication with CUC management and staff via email, phone calls, and conference calls since the purchase agreement was initiated, and holds a high regard for the CNMI's hometown utility. "I have great admiration for the staff at CUC. Their dedication and the long hours put forth to ensure Solomon built their transformers quickly but with high quality and reliability was professional and determined," Kenney said.

For more information, contact CUC's Customer Call Center by calling 664-4282.

CUC is a non-profit autonomous agency of the CNMI government. The utility provides electric power, water and wastewater services to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. (CUC)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Humanities Awards presented on Friday

The 2015 Governor's Humanities Awards will be presented at a special ceremony in the Governor's Conference Room at 9:30am this Friday, Oct. 30.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions in the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Awards in four categories will be presented during the ceremony including Research and Publication, Preservation of CNMI History, Outstanding Humanities Teacher, and Lifetime Achievement.

The ceremony is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, please contact staff of the Northern Marianas Humanities Council at 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org. (PR)

In Memoriam celebratory ceremony this Friday at AMP

The hour-long In Memoriam celebratory ceremony this Friday, Oct. 30, 2015, will begin promptly at 4pm and promptly conclude at 5p.m. at American Memorial Park in remembrance of the departed civilians that perished during the Pacific War over 70 years ago.

The In Memoriam ceremony is hosted by the 13th Leadership of the Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council.

The Marianas Memorial Blessing & Remembrance marks the 11th year when the Marianas Memorial Courtyard commemoration was first held on June 13, 2004, at American Memorial Park and the second year hosted by the council. (PR)

FESTPAC registration closes Oct. 30

Friday, Oct. 30, is the deadline for artisans to register as part of the Northern Mariana Islands Festival of Pacific Arts, or FESTPAC, delegation. Local artisan groups and individuals interested in representing the NMI in any of the festival categories should submit a registration form with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture by 4pm on Friday. Interested groups and individuals may download a registration form under the Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture at www.dcca.gov.mp or under the Marianas Visitors Authority Calendar of Events at www.mymarianas.com. The 12th Festival of Pacific Arts will be held on May 22-June 4, 2016, in Guam.

The selection of participants will be made by the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture based on a set of criteria. Upon selection, delegates will be asked to pay a \$50 non-refundable deposit to secure their registration and will receive an official letter of selection as an endorsement for fundraising purposes. A mandatory meeting will be held for all delegates in November 2015.

Festival categories are: performing arts; literary arts; demonstrations/exhibition; and forums, workshops, seminars.

Inquiries may be directed to Feofaaki McMahon at the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture at fe_mcmahon@yahoo.com or 322-9982/3. (PR)



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The parallel lives of Hillary Clinton and the Mets

There were moments when it didn't look like the Mets or Hillary Rodham Clinton would last the summer.

This wasn't particularly surprising for Mets fans, who are used to broken hearts. Sure, there was talk of 90 wins back in spring training and the season got off to a fast start. But Mets fans have been there before—a few injuries, the ominous word “re-building,” and a trade deadline approaching with no sign of arriving help. Great young pitching, everyone said. Pack it in for 2016.

And Clinton: From Yankee-like front-runner dominance, she fell prey to two words that proved as disturbing as pulled hamstrings or David Wright's back pain: “emails” and “Benghazi.” The words haunted her candidacy like then-Met Carlos Beltran's called strike three in 2006. She thought the troubles would disappear. By midsummer the email controversy was clanking along, and it dawned on some that Clinton was really a Met—the perennial also-ran, the one who never catches a break, smiling bitterly off to the side of the stage, lamenting what might have been. Reliable southpaw Bernie Sanders was only a few games back, when he should have been blown away. Collapse looked imminent.

But then for the Mets, the unbelievable happened. Reinforcements arrived, led by Yoenis Cespedes, a super-PAC RBI machine. Wilmer Flores thought he was traded and teared up (Clinton in 2008?) and two days later hit a walk-off home run. The Republican clown car of the National League East looked ever more directionless, heading only toward the cellar. And then, against steep odds, playoff baseball arrived at Citi Field.

Prodded by the unshakable socialist billy goat and Daniel Murphy magic, the Mets made it through to the final round. Clinton, who aced the first Democratic debate and fended off a rival who knew his way around the postseason (Joe Biden, strong out of the bullpen), not to mention grueling extra-innings Thursday with the Benghazi committee, still had the nomination in her sights.

We're still waiting to see who wins at the end. Let the contests begin.

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Waning October

It was a turbulent time. A girl discovered that she regretted joining a Shanghai group to Saipan for NCLEX review and taking the exam; she sought refuge in a shelter I directed. A blossoming bud who was my ward at first, become my bed partner, then my spouse, ripened into a delectable fruit. There was a big gap of 37 years but I was overdue for a midlife crisis, and what better way to have one but in the company of a bright eyed doe just getting over being a fawn?

Her famous words in 2007 were, “five years is long enough.” She left, with me holding a heart, bitter but my heart nonetheless.

In 2015, echoes of Shanghai's phrase were pronounced again, but this time, without the fragility of unpreparedness. The Shenyang lassie I married five years earlier, 20 years my junior and older than Shanghai by 17, took a separation break from Saipan to deal with our new house in China. Unfinished, it was draining family resource. She wanted to reflect on her future as well, leaving me by my lonesome.

In 2007, Shanghai girl ran off with someone but she was candid enough to acknowledge and own up to the fact before the deed. Shenyang just took off.

Like Shanghai, Shenyang come from a culture that puts a premium on acquiring wealth I am neither inclined to do, nor skilled to amass. Shanghai was smart enough to earn her own, earning a decent sum in her career as a nurse. In fact, she was so confident in her trade that she worked off hours. Even with all the funds she earned, she still expected me to pick up all her expenses as is customary of a husband in Shanghai. That part was my culture shock!

Shenyang has done hospitality work in Kuwait and China but downgrades her self-story and earning capability. In her time, two in a class of 50 high school grads going beyond to university was one too many. Shenyang never went past high school; she repeats a defensive self-story of “I am only a high school graduate,” reminding me when I make a mistake that I attended college.

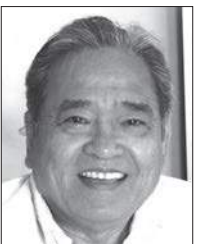
Her company produced tracks for the railroad. Government-owned, when it privatized, it encouraged employees including welder lass to take early retirement even if benefits did not kick in until more than a decade later. She did, and now at 50, she has pension benefits comparable to that of her mother who labored until she reached the legal age of 55 to retire at about the same time. Shenyang can live on her pension in China but is a drop in the bucket when converted into dollars in the CNMI's higher cost of living, e.g., my regular haircut in Saipan costs \$10; massaged also, I pay \$3.25 in Shenyang.

October is weak, less vigorous and extensive than September, but with brighter days after the equinox into winter until spring. When I recall the autumn leaves of October, I hear Frank Sinatra, or Nat King Cole, croon the words of an autumn song:

By **JAIME VERGARA**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The falling leaves drift by my window
The autumn leaves of red and gold . . .
But I miss you most of all, my darling
When autumn leaves start to fall.

The old coot has gone soft, one could say, though romance is hardly in the agenda. I am also way past nursing the integrity of loins though mine is accommodated not too badly. Besides, we are in the tropics and it is very seldom that “autumn leaves start to fall.” I remember autumn days in the temperate zone but in the humid and sweltering heat of Saipan that enflames the flowering firetree, the leaves of autumn is unknown.

But perhaps, it is the autumn of the heart that is at play.

If I take autumn out of the personal realm into the social, we ask which wilting leaves are drifting by our windows? Driving down Beach Road and Middle Road, I count many abandoned buildings, with some still unoccupied from the day construction completed their exteriors. Then there are the new ones fully equipped without any tenants, or, are used by government offices, local and federal, when the landlord is connected enough to the decision makers that lease space. Now, if that is not a wilted leaf on the economy, I do not know what is.

A colleague harps over the quality of decision-making and governance administered on island, the sorry state of the economy with uncertain future of those who stayed with their retirement programs and benefits, even those still employed.

Soudelor generated goodwill locally and externally, but that came as dole. An all too familiar reality, dole is practiced widely on island. Integrity hangs on the hard-earned dough that is spent without guilt that the lard gained is the donation of others. The price of goodwill is high on the conscious.

Autumn need not head downhill. In the wilting of Autumn leaves, illusions of longevity are shattered. Leaves that wilt are resplendent in color on the way down. The reality of life does come in many colors, even on the way down. Life was demanding and difficult after Soudelor's but glee and gladness on the way down is a choice that we made.

When autumn leaves ... they start to fall. Wheeeee!

Fiddling with public land

Since the abolition of the Marianas Public Lands Authority nearly a decade ago, the various legislatures have attempted to pillage the department of public land's "segregated" funds, violate the constitutional mandate of the agency in terms of its duties and responsibilities, among other hugely misguided legislation that turned into fodder for comedy.

There's the often-vicious discussion on Article XII that replaced a working land tenure system. Yes, it helped disoriented politicians catapult their political career capitalizing on racist agenda but gave the landowners the unexpected perfect royal screw by denying them ownership of land that belongs to them. Can something that "is" be "isn't" at the same time? In short, can land that is yours not be yours?

Yes, there's the principle view of personal property hailing from the basic document. It's premise used to declare Article XII discriminatory. Sounds almost a perfect answer to simply abolish this constitutional provision or that it'll never meet U.S. Supreme Court muster. Well, how do you explain granting ownership strictly to Native Americans in huge parcels of Indian Reservation properties across the country? That too would be discriminatory, right? Think! What's good for the goose is also very, very good for the gander.

We dilly-dally trying to foster investment stability in the NMI. Without due diligence to determine the validity of the 99-year stretch, we assume that it is the answer or single pill cures all illnesses on the stabilization of investments. Have we done due diligence rummaging through other model leases to draw the best possible paradigm? Or did we shove it aside once more or simply defer it to another grand sleepwalking through our snooze wonderland? Are we that lazy intellectually as to ignore researching our materials?

The term of the proposed lease of 99 years isn't going to lure more investments to the NMI. We've insulted our Japanese friends with unintended arrogance forcing the termination of JAL flights from Japan, shutter of Hotel Nikko, and other major investments. It

was our attitude of political arrogance that had big Japanese investors taking an exodus. It wasn't the term of our land leases. Our attitude simply crushed the altitude of lasting investments!

Have any of our illustrious policymakers ever looked into how burger king McDonald's leases land across the county? It's no more than 25 years and it has succeeded on a grand scale too! The agreement includes a certain percentage increase (equity) in the land lease that goes to the landowner. Obviously, use of the land is premised on profitability, therefore, sustainability. If the location is poor for your line of business, it's time to close down and begin the search for another property! Profits drive businesses not the length of the land leases.

Now, the idea of a referendum for any use of NMI land for military purposes may sound politically glamorous though equally premature and a waste of time. Reviewing pertinent Covenant Agreement provisions on use of land for this purpose involves a process. What's my point? It's federal law or US PL 94-241. It would seem to me the planned referendum would be redundant and fluid! I mean there's nothing to stop the referendum. But could we stop the final decision legally? How do you argue against "national security" concerns?

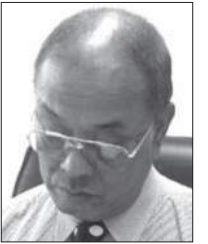
The latest is the fast emerging controversy on renewal of long-term land leases that expire in the next couple of years. All the marshland reed scientists have been preparing their dossiers hoping the man from "Imperial I Deni" would pick him as the ambassador to explain hidden decisions on Marpi and other land areas here set for BS. I wouldn't want that job and not when initial meetings would include heavy coffee cups destined for my thin skull. Nah! Nor am I ready to be mowed down by the mob in village meetings. Nah!

Subsequent discussion on land lease renewal would be pretty rough sailing. Be that as it may, the final decision reached determines the investment, therefore, economic future of the NMI. Hope

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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none of us had to think with his or her luggage heading out jet ways in search of greener pasture elsewhere! Let's keep paradise the grand place to raise families where opportunities abound for one and all. Let these pearly isles ours to share!

Did someone just spouted of grand poverty here?

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Too Small: Is there a chance more folks would sell land over the next five years? I mean, if most of what's left is the last family lot, would you be greedy and stupid enough to venture selling it? Once you're landless, you would be granted an honorarium as a permanent member of the Land Squatters platoon, right?

Eventually, it may mean that the rest of us taxpayers would have to pay additional taxes to build centers for the homeless including those who sold their land. Why would we reward shallowness, greediness and stupidity? Entitlement assistance must be denied those who purposely dug their own graves.

I can't fathom the heavy collision of poverty, disasters, and more disasters ahead. Has anybody seen my "solutions driven" team? Eh, it's time to step up to the plate to begin planning what's there to do when the fiscal crisis turns against each of us hailing from negligence somewhere upstairs. Scary! No worries. I won't ruffle feathers against fully tidied senior staffers of the governor. We will roll out the carpet of "Do-Nothings" to glorify your steady smiles of "screw you!" Are you smiling now? Tickles your pickle, yeah?

Keep your cat indoors on Halloween and all year round

When my mom was a little girl, she had a favorite black cat. Named Midnight, he was one of more than a dozen former strays who had wandered into the family's life, drawn by the abundance of cat food that was always set out on the front porch. Occasionally, one of the cats would mysteriously disappear, and my mom and her sister would comfort themselves with the unlikely scenario that the cat had "run away."

But when Mom's favorite, Midnight, went missing on Halloween, she knew in her bones that something terrible had happened to him. She searched for him for days, but it was no use—he was already dead. She finally found his body under the front porch. He had been tortured—probably by neighborhood boys up to "mischievous"—and had dragged himself home to die. My mom learned a valuable lesson that day, and when she grew up, the handsome brown tabby our family adopted was kept indoors at all times.

Nowadays, most guardians know to keep their cats—especially black ones—inside on Halloween. Many animal shelters refuse to

allow the adoption of black cats in the days preceding it, for fear that cruel people would acquire them with the intent to do them harm.

But the danger doesn't pass once the last Twizzler has been handed out to the last Elsa or Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle.

Cats who are allowed to roam outside unattended are in danger every day of the year. The threats range from speeding cars and spilled antifreeze to stray dogs and cruel people who don't like cats digging in their gardens or sitting on their cars. Recently, a Mississippi woman posted a photo on her Facebook page of a cat she had allegedly burned, threatening to "burn them one by one if I have to."

Even in this day and age, there are people who think killing cats is "fun." They brag and even laugh about it. They use cats for target practice, shooting at free-roaming cats as if they were clay pigeons rather than living, feeling beings. Just a few recent cases include cats who were shot with guns or crossbows in Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. A cat in Massachusetts who was shot with a steel broadhead arrow (designed to inflict the maximum damage) was so badly injured that he had to be euthanized. He was

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just a year old.

In fact, the average lifespan of a cat who goes outside is just 2 to 5 years, a fraction of the 14-year average lifespan of an indoor cat.

Today's concrete jungles are far too dangerous for such vulnerable little beings. Don't learn a tragic lesson at your cat's expense: Keep your cat indoors where it's safe—on Halloween and every other day of the year.

Holding gun sellers liable for mayhem they enable

While the candidates debated, a jury decided.

Despite a federal immunity statute for gun manufacturers and sellers, Wisconsin jurors held accountable the seller of a gun used to shoot two policemen, just as the Democratic presidential candidates began to argue about immunity for the firearms industry.

In the Oct. 13 debate, Bernie Sanders was pressed about his gun views: "For a decade, (you) said that holding gun manufacturers legally responsible for mass shootings is a bad idea. Now, you say you're reconsidering that. Which is it: Shield the gun companies from lawsuits or not?" In his reply, Sanders said: "I think we've got to move aggressively at the federal level in dealing with the straw-man purchasers."

When asked whether he wants to shield gun companies from lawsuits, Sanders said: "Of course not. ... Where you have manufacturers and where you have gun shops knowingly giving guns to criminals or aiding and abetting that, of course we should take action."

In her rebuttal, Hillary Clinton noted that Sanders voted for the "immunity proviso," while she voted against it. "It wasn't that complicated to me," she said. "It was pretty straightforward to me that he was going to give immunity to the only industry in America. Everybody else has to be accountable, but not the gun manufacturers."

Some 1,789 miles away from Las Vegas on the same day, a Milwaukee jury did something that Congress made nearly impossible a decade ago: It invoked civil responsibility for an enabler of gun violence and awarded nearly \$6 million in damages. But in so doing, it had to shoehorn its rationale into the law to which Sanders and Clinton had referred. "These are really, really tight windows," the lawyer who circumvented the federal immunity told me.

Pat Dunphy represented two Milwaukee police officers who were shot in 2009 by 18-year-old Julius Burton after a routine stop. The criminal justice system dealt with Burton — he is serving an 80-year sentence in Green Bay. And it handed Jacob Collins a two-year sentence for having been the straw purchaser of the gun. But it was

left to the civil system to deal with Badger Guns, the store that allowed the straw purchase of the weapon.

Dunphy told me he was so intent on focusing the jury on the sale, not the shooting, that he chose not to show a surveillance video that captured the gruesome wounding of the cops.

Instead, he spent the entire first week of trial cross-examining the gun salesman, his boss and the owner of the shop. His evidence included showing that the sale went through even though the straw buyer initially wrote a partial address on a state form and then changed it to match his ID.

Dunphy was able to get the salesman to admit that he did not ask the purchaser why he could not remember his own address. Additionally, the straw purchaser answered "yes" on a state form that asked if he was the purchaser of the gun, but "no" on a federal form. When the buyer changed the latter to a "yes," the sale continued.

"There's a surveillance video in the gun shop," Dunphy told me. "... We could see Burton pointing to the gun case and telling Collins that's the one that I want. We could see Collins filling out the forms that were instrumental in proving that he was a red-flag type of straw buyer. We could see Collins leaving the store with Burton when he didn't have enough cash to complete the purchase, going out to the parking lot to get more money, and then coming back in to complete the purchase. So we had some very powerful visual evidence through the surveillance."

Compelling facts, but still, to win the case, the plaintiffs needed to navigate the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, the 2005 law that passed with Sanders' support but Clinton's opposition. Until the recent verdict, the law has thwarted lawsuits against the gun industry. The Milwaukee case is just the second to get to a verdict since it was passed (in the first, an Alaskan gun dealer was absolved of responsibility for a rifle sale).

"It raises a very serious, significant wall that's hard to climb over in order to get at the gun dealers despite evidence of very bad practices," explained Dunphy. "There's really one legitimate exception

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to it that we were able to squeeze in under, and that was the theory of negligent entrustment. There are other exceptions, if you can prove there was a specific violation, a knowing violation of a federal regulation, then you can also get around the immunity."

And he had to overcome the legal equivalent of the adage that "guns don't kill people, people do."

"From opening statement on, the defense kept saying, 'It's the criminal, it's the criminal,'" Dunphy told me. "He's the one who pulled the trigger. He's the one that's responsible.' And my response was, 'Well, wait a minute. There's got to be a trigger to pull, and there wouldn't have been a trigger to pull if he would've done everything that the law requires you to do.'"

Where Congress remains loath to impose new gun laws, might the civil system see a wave of gun litigation? Dunphy sees his case as a wake-up call to gun dealers.


"So my hope is that this will encourage other lawyers to bring lawsuits, because legislatively I don't see any big change in gun laws," he said. "So it may be that the courts are the one way to help clean up situations where you've got bad gun dealers now that they have the threat that they may actually have to pay damages for their bad practices."

"I told the jury the criminal justice system will take care of the criminals. The civil justice system needs to take care of the harms and losses that were caused by and enabled by a bad gun dealer."

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
East winds 5 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


THURSDAY



Mostly sunny with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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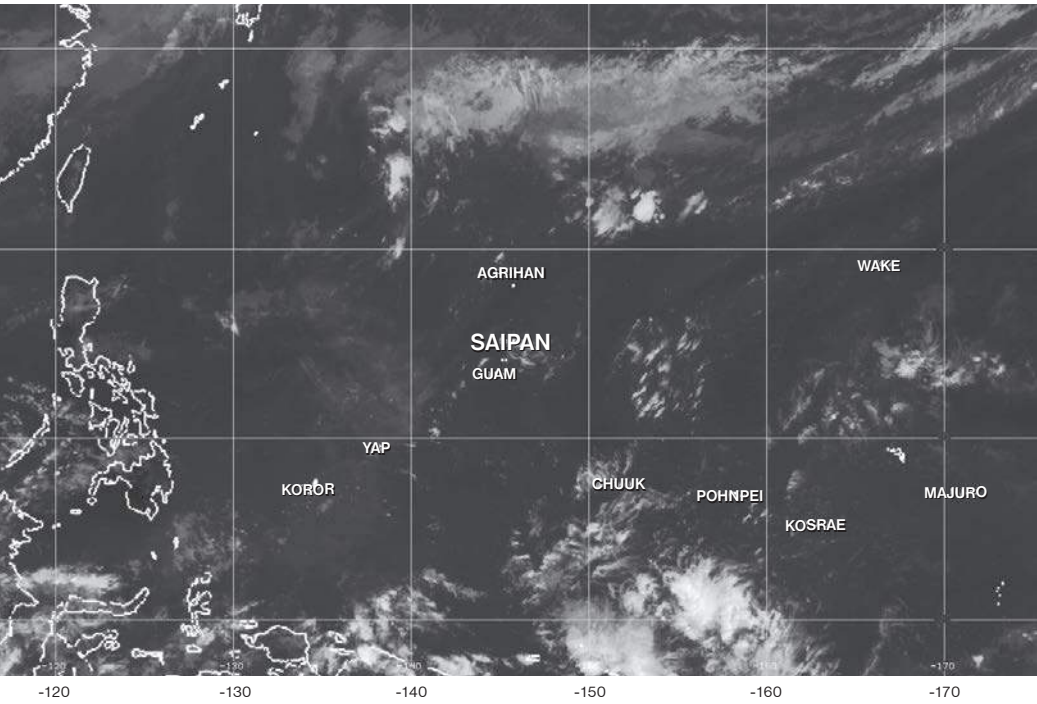
SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



The satellite image shows a wide view of the Western North Pacific. A low-pressure system is visible west of Iwo To Island. Cloudiness and patchy rain are seen along and north of a line from 25N170E to 21N150E. Other features include a cold front curving southwest, a near-equatorial trough, and trade-wind convergence. Island labels include AGRIHAN, WAKE, SAIPAN, GUAM, YAP, KOROR, CHUUK, POHNPEI, KOSRAE, and MAJURO. Longitude markers from -120 to -170 are shown at the bottom.


PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A mid-latitude low pressure system is centered west of Iwo To island near 24N136E. Cloudiness and patchy rain and a few thunderstorms are occurring within 75 miles of a line from 19N139E to 25N139E. An old cold front curves southwest through 25N170E to 21N150E. Patchy cloudiness and showers are seen along and north of a line from 25N170E to 21N158E to 21N150E to 24N147E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Koror south of a line from 1N137E to 3N142E. A near-equatorial trough extends southeast from 5N148E to 1N163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present south of Chuuk and Pohnpei south of a line from 6N148E to 2N159E. Trade-wind convergence is causing areas of scattered showers southeast of Wake Island within an area bounded by a line from 19N170E to 12N175E to 13N165E back to 19N170E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 87	▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 88	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 78
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 66	▼ 55
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 58	▼ 42
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	▼ 77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 84	▼ 76
London	Showers	▲ 58	▼ 51
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 64
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92	▼ 74
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 82	▼ 51
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	▼ 76
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 61	▼ 53
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 68	▼ 53
Paris	Showers	▲ 60	▼ 49
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲ 67	▼ 46
Rome	Showers	▲ 67	▼ 59
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 65	▼ 50
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲ 66	▼ 59
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲ 62	▼ 41
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75	▼ 58
Washington, DC	Showers	▲ 59	▼ 54



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
2:50 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.3 Feet
9:16 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
3:11 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
8:37 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Thursday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:38 PM	6:36 AM
Thursday	7:33 PM	7:39 AM
Friday	8:29 PM	8:39 AM
Saturday	9:25 PM	9:38 AM
Sunday	9:25 PM	9:38 AM

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UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA52929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:25pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:35am	3:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ626	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7	OZ625	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7				

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA5072/191	9:50pm	7:20am+1	1, 6 via GUM	UA184/2920	11:59pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
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OZ628/721	3:50am	12:50am	Daily via ICN	OZ724/627	2:20pm	2:50am+1	Daily via ICN
UA2924/159	4:15am	10:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA116/2925	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2922/159	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA116/2921	10:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Coast Guard continues search for Kona woman off Big Island of Hawaii

HONOLULU—The Coast Guard and Hawaii County Fire Department are continuing the search Monday for 33-year-old Amber Savant of Kona presumed swept out to sea while free diving Sunday near Kapoho Bay, Big Island.

She is reportedly blonde haired, 5-feet 7-inches tall and 140 pounds. She was last seen Sunday wearing camouflage

Guam Beekeepers Association meeting today



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Guam Beekeepers Association will have a meeting today at the Agriculture and Life Sciences Building, Room 104, University of Guam.

The second Guam Beekeepers Association monthly meeting will be held today, Oct. 28, 2015, from 7pm to 8pm at the University of Guam. This meeting is open to all bee enthusiasts on Guam in order to share ideas and information on raising bees in the tropics.

“The Guam Beekeepers Association’s first meeting was held in September with over 20 interested bee supporters in attendance. I am very happy to know that people on island are interested in learning more about beekeeping,” said Chris Rosario, research associate with the Western Pacific Tropical Research Center, UOG and newly elected president of the GBA.

The Guam Beekeepers Association meeting will be held at the Agriculture and Life Sciences Building, Room 104, University of Guam. The agenda will include information on possible grant opportunities for experienced beekeepers to train agriculture professionals to teach farmers and ranchers the basics of keeping bees. Also to be discussed is the idea of Guam Beekeepers Association becoming a non-profit organization. In addition, there will be a reading of an original poem titled “Macbeeth”.

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pants, a black tank top, dive weights and carrying a spear gun. She and her diving companion encountered strong tides and currents that immediately swept her offshore during their first dive at 2:30 p.m.

Currently searching are: an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew and an HC-130 Hercules airplane crew from Air Station Barbers Point and the crew of USCGC Kittiwake (WPB 87316), an 87-foot coastal patrol boat homeported in Honolulu. Two jet ski crews and a helicopter crew from Hawaii County Fire Department are searching as well as a Navy helicopter crew from the 37th Helicopter Squadron.

On-scene assets have completed 10 sorties and searched a total of 1,914 square miles.



Based on currents and drift, the search area extends up to 35 miles (30 nautical miles) off shore.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard Sector Honolulu Command Center received a report at 2:52 p.m., Sunday, alerting them to the situation. They immediately launched the Dolphin helicopter crew and issued an urgent marine information broadcast requesting the assistance of any mariners in the area. HCFD responded with a helicopter crew and two jet ski crews.

On-scene weather conditions are reportedly 11 mph winds and 5-foot seas.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Sector Honolulu Command Center at 808-842-2600. (USCG)

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Principal's List- 4.00 (no grades lower than a "A")				
1. Sablan, Jason	7th	14. Toyokawa-Song, Ken	8th	
2. Ishida Kate	8th	15. Xie, Nan (Shane)	8th	
3. Lee, Iris	8th			
"B" Honor Roll-3.00-3.49 (no grades below a "C")				
		1. Camacho, Sedrei	6th	
		2. Ham, Paul	6th	
		3. Kim, Guen Hee	6th	
		4. Lee, Seung Won	6th	
		5. Paik, Seung Jin	6th	
		6. Zeng, Moon	6th	
		7. Palacios-Camacho, Puti On	7th	
		8. Lee, Geon Ho	7th	
		9. Lee, Sang Hyun	7th	
		10. Ren, Annie	7th	
		11. Camacho, Desrei	8th	
		12. Cayetano, Tomjayson	8th	
		13. Sablan, Jon Paul	8th	
		14. Seo, Jeffrey	8th	
		15. Woo, Sunny	8th	
"A" Honor Roll-3.50-3.99 (no grades below a "B")				
1. Wu, Shu Qi	6th			
2. Zhen, Tina	6th			
3. Bacani, Vinson	7th			
4. Guerrero, Mateo	7th			
5. Hong, John	7th			
6. Lee, Seung Ju	7th			
7. Nam, Mark	7th			
8. Park, James	7th			
9. Rabago, Maxine	7th			
10. Bacani, Rovin	8th			
11. Cha, Ye Lee	8th			
12. Lee, Carol	8th			
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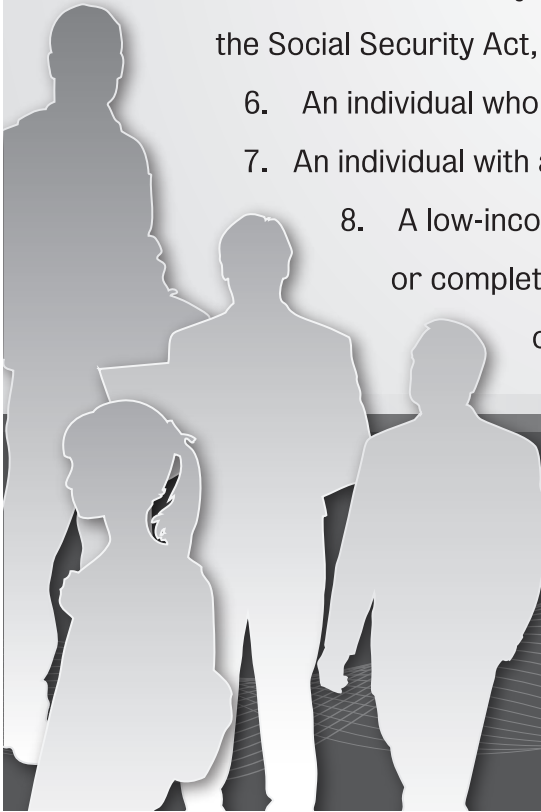
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Business

UN agency links hot dogs and other processed meat to cancer

PARIS (AP)—Bacon, hot dogs and cold cuts are under fire: The World Health Organization threw its global weight behind years of experts' warnings and declared Monday that processed meats raise the risk of colon and stomach cancer and that red meat is probably harmful, too.

Meat producers are angry, vegetarians are feeling vindicated, and cancer experts are welcoming the most comprehensive pronouncement yet on the relation between our modern meat-eating lifestyles and cancer.

The WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France, analyzed decades of research and for the first time put processed meats in the same danger category as smoking or asbestos. That doesn't mean salami is as bad as cigarettes, only that there's a confirmed link to cancer. And even then, the risk is small.

The results aren't that shocking in the U.S., where many parents fret over chemicals in cured meats and the American Cancer Society has long cautioned against eating too much steak and deli.

But the U.N. agency's findings could shake up public health attitudes elsewhere, such as European countries where sausages are savored and smoked ham is a national delicacy.

And they could hurt the American meat industry, which is arguing vigorously against linking their products with cancer, contending that the disease involves a number of lifestyle and environmental factors.

While U.S. rates of colon cancer have been declining, it is the No. 2 cancer for women worldwide and No. 3 for men, according to the WHO.



In this Jan. 18, 2010 file photo, steaks and other beef products are displayed for sale at a grocery store in McLean, Va. The meat industry is seeing red over the dietary guidelines.

A group of 22 scientists from the IARC evaluated more than 800 studies from several continents about meat and cancer. The studies looked at more than a dozen types of cancer in populations with diverse diets over the past 20 years.

Based on that analysis, the IARC classified processed meat as "carcinogenic to humans," noting links in particular to colon cancer. It said red meat contains some important nutrients, but still labeled it "probably carcinogenic," with links to colon, prostate and pancreatic cancers.

The agency made no specific dietary recommendations and said it did not have enough data to define how much processed meat is too dangerous. But it said the risk rises with the amount consumed.

An analysis of 10 of the studies suggested that a 50-gram portion of processed meat daily—or about 1.75 ounces—

increases the risk of colorectal cancer over a lifetime by about 18 percent.

An ounce and three-quarters is roughly equivalent to a hot dog or a few slices of bologna, though it depends on how thinly it is sliced.

Overall, the lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer in the U.S. is about 1 in 20, or 5 percent, according to the cancer society. By the WHO's calculations, having a cold-cut sandwich every day would only raise that to around 6 percent.

Experts have long warned of the dangers of certain chemicals used to cure meat, such as nitrites and nitrates, which the body converts into cancer-causing compounds. It is also known that grilling or smoking meat can create suspected carcinogens.

"For an individual, the risk of developing colorectal cancer because of their consumption of

processed meat remains small, but this risk increases with the amount of meat consumed," Dr. Kurt Straif of the IARC said in a statement. "In view of the large

Speaker Boehner's last deal: 2-year budget, debt ceiling

WASHINGTON (AP)—Speaker John Boehner is making one final appeal to restive Republicans: Pass a hard-won agreement with President Barack Obama to fund the government and forestall a debt crisis before Rep. Paul Ryan assumes the top job later this week. But he encountered immediate resistance when he laid out the plan Monday night.

The budget pact, in concert with a must-pass increase in the federal borrowing limit, would solve the thorniest issues awaiting Ryan, R-Wis., who is set to be elected speaker on Thursday. It would also take budget showdowns and government shutdown fights off the table until after the 2016 presidential election, a potential boon to Republican candidates who might otherwise face uncomfortable questions about messes in the GOP-led Congress.

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A chief selling point for

SIDEBAR

Meat consumption by the numbers

The World Health Organization released a report Monday on the dangers of hot dogs, bacon and other processed meats. It came the day before Major League Baseball's World Series, one of many U.S. events synonymous with the consumption of encased meats and other foods on the lists. Following are some figures detailing the nation's love affair with meat.

■ Sales of fresh and processed meats reached \$25.5 billion in the year ending Aug. 22, up 5.1 percent from the same period a year before, according to research firm The Nielsen Company.

■ More than 18.5 million hot dogs and nearly 4.2 million sausages were expected to be eaten at baseball parks during the 2015 MLB season, according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council.

■ Los Angeles residents were the biggest consumers of hot dogs last year, followed by New York, Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Chicago, according to the NHDSC.

■ In peak hot dog season - which runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day - Americans typically eat 7 billion hot dogs, according to the NHDSC.

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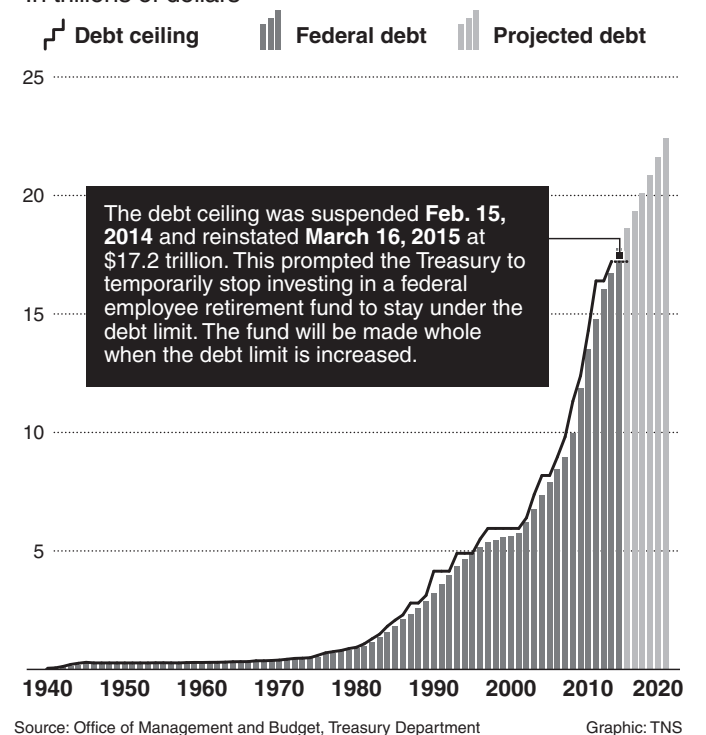
The cancer agency noted re-

search by the Global Burden of Disease Project suggesting that 34,000 cancer deaths per year worldwide are linked to diets heavy in processed meat.

Debt ceiling

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew informed Congress Thursday that the debt ceiling — the amount of money the government is allowed to borrow to meet its current obligations — would need to be increased on or near Nov. 3 in order for the government to meet current financial obligations.

Federal debt and the debt ceiling
In trillions of dollars



SIDEBAR

Hot dog makers, meat sellers shake off WHO cancer report

NEW YORK (AP)—Hot dog makers and meat sellers say a report from the World Health Organization labeling wieners, bacon and other processed meats as cancer-causers is baloney.

WHO said Monday that processed meats raised the risk of colon, stomach and other cancers. It also said red meat probably contributes to the disease, too.

Meat eaters at a New York food court mostly shrugged off the report Monday. And Wall Street investors seemed to do the same, with shares of meat producers little changed.

The North American Meat Institute, which represents meat producers, said the report was "alarmist."

"Classifying red and processed meat as cancer 'hazards' defies both common sense and numerous studies showing no correlation between meat and

cancer," the association said in a statement.

Hormel Foods, which sells Spam, sliced bacon and canned chili, said the report "did not look at the benefits of meat consumption," which it cited as including "important nutrients" and "high quality proteins."

But Hormel may also be preparing for a shift in consumers eating less processed foods. Earlier this year it paid \$775 million to buy Applegate Farms, which sells organic deli meats, hot dogs and bacon, and doesn't use antibiotics, hormones, artificial ingredients or chemical preservatives.

Shares of Hormel Foods Corp. fell 1 percent Monday, as did shares of Kraft Heinz Co., which makes Oscar Mayer hot dogs. Shares of Tyson Foods Inc., the maker of Ball Park hot dogs, Jimmy Dean sausage and Hillshire Farm ham, fell

nearly 5 percent, but that was attributed more to a research report from a JPMorgan Chase analyst that said Tyson is losing market share to competitors.

Whether Americans will stay away from hot dogs, bacon and other meaty treats remains to be seen. Visitors at a food court in New York's Penn Station, which houses a Nathan's Famous hot dog restaurant, mostly said the WHO report won't change what they eat.

"People nowadays, they say 'I'm going to change my eating habits,' but when you're hungry and you have to grab something close by, you're going to eat there," said Randy Duran of New York.

Clevie Henry from St. Lucia said the convenience and taste of processed meat outweighs the pitfalls.

"Anything tastes better with bacon," Henry said.

Nation

House GOP leaders reach budget deal with Obama

WASHINGTON (AP)—House GOP leaders struck a budget deal made with the White House just before midnight Monday aimed at averting a government shutdown and forestalling a debt crisis.

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tive is chaos and a stand-alone debt limit increase that might be forced on Republicans. But conservatives in the conference who drove Boehner to resign were not ready to fall in line.

"This is again just the ump-

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President Barack Obama walks back to the White House in Washington, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015, after making a short trip to the nearby Metropolitan Club to attend a luncheon hosted by former Senators Tom Daschle and George Mitchell. Walking with Obama is White House trip director Marvin Nicholson.

teenth time that you have this big, big, huge deal that'll last for two years and we were told nothing about it," said Rep. John Fleming of Louisiana.

"I'm not excited about it at all," said Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz. "A two-year budget deal that raises the debt ceiling for basically the entire term of this presidency."

The measure under discussion would suspend the current \$18.1 trillion debt limit through March 2017.

The budget side of the deal is aimed at undoing automatic spending cuts which are a by-product of a 2011 budget and debt deal and the failure of Washington to subsequently tackle the government's fiscal woes. GOP defense hawks are a driving force, intent on reversing the automatic cuts and getting more money for the military.

Prosecutor: Driver in parade crash went around barricade

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)—A woman accused of driving her car into a crowd of people at Oklahoma State University's homecoming parade ran a red light, "purposely" went around a barricade and drove over a police motorcycle before crashing into the spectators, a prosecutor said Monday.

"The evidence suggests this was an intentional act, not an accident," Payne County District Attorney Laura Thomas said in a public statement. The driver's actions demonstrate "a depraved mind and indifference to human life."

At a bail hearing, the district attorney told the judge that Adacia Chambers is "looking at four life sentences" if convicted in the deaths of four people who were hit.

Special District Judge Katherine Thomas granted the request for \$1 million bail and ordered a psychological evaluation for Chambers, who is being held on preliminary counts of second-degree murder.

"This was a well-known parade day and route, and these innocents were visible from a substantial distance," the district attorney said in the statement.

The suspect appeared at Monday's hearing via video. The only time she spoke was to say "yes" when the judge asked

if she could hear her.

Prosecutors asked for more time to interview the dozens of witnesses who were at the scene Saturday and said one of the injured is in a "fragile" state, which could lead to more charges.

In Oklahoma, second-degree murder charges are warranted when someone acts in a way that's "imminently dangerous to another person" but does so without premeditation. Each count is punishable by at least 10 years in prison.

Chambers, 25, of Stillwater, has yet to be formally charged—a step that requires prosecutors to file additional documents in court.

The judge scheduled the next hearing for Nov. 13.

After the hearing, Chambers' attorney, Tony Coleman, said when he told Chambers about the deaths, "her face was blank." He said he was not sure Chambers is aware that she's in jail. Chambers had yet to ask to see her parents or boyfriend.

Police are awaiting blood tests to determine whether she was impaired by drugs or alcohol.

During an earlier interview with Chambers, Coleman said he "was not satisfied at all that I was communicating with a competent individual."

2 Sandy victims finally home with help from strangers

BELMAR, N.J. (AP)—Remember the final scene in "It's A Wonderful Life," when the whole town came together with donations large and small to help save George Bailey?

Something similar has happened in this New Jersey shore town, where a fundraising drive to help two survivors of Superstorm Sandy get back into their damaged homes drew support from across the country.

Help ranged from a \$2 check from Chicago to donations of \$15,000 from contractors—

most of them from people who didn't know the recipients. More than \$240,000 in cash and materials was raised from as far away as California and Texas.

The shore community of Belmar and The Saint Vincent De Paul Society of St. Rose, a Roman Catholic church in town, started the "Home By Summer" campaign in February to raise money to help Krista Sperber and Teresa Keefe make repairs so they could move back in by June. That deadline came and went, but both are now back in

their homes just before Sandy's third anniversary Thursday.

"My babies now have a place—their safe haven," Keefe said at a news conference in front of her newly rebuilt and elevated house two blocks from a river that inundated her neighborhood during the Oct. 29, 2012, storm. "Family dinners are amazing, and everyone has a place to lay their heads and sleep soundly, and for that, we thank you."

Her 11-year-old son, Shaun, could barely hide his joy at be-

ing home, running around the freshly paved driveway with his younger sister.

"We have our house back," he said. "Family time is back, and we are enjoying every bit of that. So thank you."

Keefe lived with relatives in Lakewood, about 30 minutes inland. She had to make two-hour-long round trips each day to drive her kids Shayla, 15, Shaun, and Alyssa, 10, to school in Belmar so they could maintain links to friends and teachers.

ACROSS THE NATION

Video shows school officer tossing student in classroom

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—A South Carolina school district banned a school resource officer pending an investigation after a video surfaced Monday showing him tossing a student across a classroom floor. The incident apparently captured on a student's cellphone happened at Spring Valley High School in Columbia. School officials and sheriff's deputies said they are investigating what happened. "Pending the outcome of the investigation, the district has directed that the school resource officer not return to any school in the district," Richland Two Superintendent Debbie Hamm said in

a prepared statement. Deputy Ben Fields will be placed on administrative duties as authorities investigate his handling of the female student, Richland County Sheriff's Lt. Curtis Wilson said.

Ole Miss removes Mississippi flag with Confederate emblem

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)—The University of Mississippi quietly pulled down the state flag on Monday, deciding that the 121-year-old banner's Confederate battle emblem sends a harmful message in this age of diversity. Acting under the order of Interim Chancellor Morris Stocks, three campus police officers furled the flag before most students were awake,

taking it down from a circle of honor between the white-columned administration building and a marble statue of a saluting Confederate soldier. A group of university leaders met Sunday night and agreed to take it down, days after the student and faculty senates urged its removal from the Oxford campus, a bastion for Southern elites since its founding in 1848.

Jury finds man guilty in fatal Las Vegas Strip fireball case

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A self-styled pimp who flashed \$100 bills at a casino valet minutes before a fatal vehicle chase was found guilty Monday of killing three people by shooting into

a moving car and triggering a fiery crash on the Las Vegas Strip. Ammar Asim Faruq Harris sat still and gave no reaction as the verdicts were read Monday in Nevada state court. Family members of the dead sobbed in the courtroom but said in the hallway they felt justice was done with the finding that Harris fatally wounded an aspiring rapper behind the wheel of a Maserati and killed a taxi driver and a tourist from Washington state who perished in a fireball chain-reaction crash. "An eye for an eye," said Kenneth Cherry Sr., of Oakland, California, the father of the slain Maserati driver. "I hate to see another black man go down. But I'm going to follow this thing through to the end."

Asia

Death toll reaches 311 in quake-hit Pakistani, Afghan areas

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—Officials say rescuers are struggling to reach quake-stricken regions in Pakistan and Afghanistan as the combined death toll from the previous day's earthquake rose to 311.

According to Afghan and Pakistani officials, 237 people died in Pakistan and 74 in Afghanistan in the magnitude-7.5 quake, which was centered deep beneath the Hindu Kush mountains in Afghanistan's sparsely populated Badakhshan province bordering Pakistan, Tajikistan and China.

Wais Ahmad Barmak, the Afghan minister for disaster management says 266 people were also injured in Afghanistan.

In Pakistan, authorities say they are struggling to reach remote mountainous quake-affected areas.

The army used helicopters Tuesday to transport supplies to the victims and military engineers were trying to restore communication lines disrupted by landslides triggered by the



AP
Afghan school boys tour the neighborhood to look at damaged houses following a powerful earthquake today that could be felt across South Asia, in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015.

Heavy casualties expected from 7.5 magnitude earthquake



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, TNS

Pakistani government official Amir Afaq said Tuesday that civil and military authorities had reached the remote, impoverished areas in the country's northwest to help the quake victims. "We are transporting tents, medicines and other items to quake-hit areas," he said. The quake damaged nearly 2,000 homes in the area, he said.

Troops and military doctors had reached the quake zone and were engaged in rescue work, Pakistani army spokesman Lt. Gen. Asil Saleem Bajwa said.

quake. Thousands of homes have also been damaged.

Monday's 7.5-magnitude quake was centered deep beneath the Hindu Kush mountains in Afghanistan's sparsely populated Badakhshan province, which borders Pakistan, Tajikistan and China, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

US Navy sails near reefs claimed by China

WASHINGTON (AP)—A U.S. Navy ship sailed near an artificial island built by China in the South China Sea in a long-anticipated challenge to what the Obama administration considers Beijing's "excessive claim" of sovereignty in those waters, a U.S. defense official said Monday.

The official said the White House approved the movement by the USS Lassen, a guided missile destroyer, inside what China claims as a 12-mile territorial limit around Subi Reef in the Spratly Islands archipelago, a disputed group of hundreds of reefs, islets, atolls and islands in the South China Sea.

The patrol was completed without incident, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the Lassen's movements.

A Pentagon spokesman, Navy Cmdr. Bill Urban, declined to comment.

The Obama administration has long said it will exercise a right to freedom of navigation in any international waters, including in the South China Sea. The point of sailing a U.S. ship within 12 nautical miles of any of the artificial islands created by China would be to demonstrate the U.S. assertion that they are not sovereign Chinese territory.

"Make no mistake, the United States will fly, sail and operate wherever international law allows, as we do around the world, and the South China Sea is not and will not be an exception," Defense Secretary Ash Carter said on Oct. 13.

"We'll do that at times and places of our choosing," Carter said. "And there's no exception to that, whether it's the Arctic or the sea lanes that fuel international commerce widely around the world, or the South China Sea."

Asked for comment about the U.S. move, a spokesman at the Chinese embassy in Washington, Zhu Haiquan, said China respects freedom of navigation in the South China Sea.

"Freedom of navigation and overflight should not be used as excuse to flex muscle and undermine other countries' sovereignty and security," he said. "We urge the United States to refrain from saying or doing anything provocative and act responsibly in maintaining regional peace and stability."

State Department spokesman John Kirby said Monday the U.S. would not be required to consult with other nations if it decided to conduct freedom of navigation operations in international waters anywhere on the globe.

Macau opens Hollywood-themed casino resort as slowdown bites

MACAU (AP)—China's world-beating gambling hub is getting a taste of Hollywood glamor as its newest casino resort makes its debut on Tuesday with a glitzy grand opening that masks turmoil behind the scenes.

Pop diva Mariah Carey, film stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert De Niro and director Martin Scorsese are among the celebrities enlisted to help launch Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd.'s \$3.2 billion Studio City project in Macau.

The movie-themed resort features a Batman flight simulator ride, a figure-8 Ferris wheel and Art Deco archi-

tecture evoking Hollywood's early days.

It's part of a wave of big-budget projects opening over the next two years. They were conceived at a time when a seemingly endless wave of money from wealthy mainland Chinese gamblers was flooding into the former Portuguese colony, turning it into the world's biggest gambling market.

Now, the special Chinese region finds the odds have quickly turned against it. Mainland Chinese high rollers rise are staying away amid a persistent economic slowdown and President Xi Jinping's continuing crackdown on corruption, both

of which are crimping lavish spending. The downturn has cut into profits at U.S. casino operators such as Las Vegas Sands Corp. and Wynn Resorts Ltd., which have multibillion-dollar projects in the pipeline.

"With the anti-corruption campaign and the political sentiment, a lot of wealthy people feel going to Macau is very risky. They don't want to be seen on the radar screen," said Tony Tong, founder of Pacific Financial Services, a consulting firm that advises Asian casinos and junket companies.

Macau, an hour by ferry from Hong Kong, is the only place in

China where casinos are legal. It has about three dozen casinos that rake in about seven times more revenue than the Las Vegas Strip.

Tong said wealthy mainland Chinese high rollers feel they've been to Macau "too many times" and are now eyeing other emerging Asian gambling destinations such as Vietnam, Cambodia, the Philippines, South Korea and Vladivostok in Russia's Far East.

Junkets, the often shadowy middlemen who have helped fuel Macau's spectacular casino growth by acting as an informal banking channel, are feeling the pain.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Indonesia arrests Indian man wanted in gangster murders

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesian authorities said Monday they will deport an Indian fugitive shortly after arresting the alleged organized crime boss on the Indonesian resort island of Bali. Rajendra Sadashiv Nikalje, known in India as "Chotta Rajan," was on the Interpol's most wanted list for two decades, said Bali police spokesman Heri Wiyanto. Wiyanto said that Nikalje was arrested Sunday after arriving at Bali's airport from Sydney, based on a red notice from Interpol and following a tip from Australian authorities in Canberra. He said police were questioning Nikalje in Bali police headquarter in Denpasar, the provincial capital, and coordinating with Indian diplomats for a deportation process. He held an Indian passport

when he arrived in Denpasar, about 968 kilometers (602 miles) east of the Indonesian capital, Jakarta.

Demonstrators beat up 2 Cambodian opposition lawmakers

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Two members of Cambodia's opposition party were beaten up Monday outside the National Assembly by protesters who were demanding that the deputy opposition leader step down as parliamentary vice president. More than 1,000 demonstrators had gathered Monday morning to demand the resignation of Kem Sokha, deputy leader of the Cambodia National Rescue Party. Kem Sokha has been more aggressive than party leader Sam Rainsy in his criticism of long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen, who has replied in kind. Monday's protest-

ers appeared to be supporters of Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party. Opposition spokesman Yim Sovann said lawmakers Nhoey Chamreoun and Kong Sakphea were beaten after leaving the morning session of the assembly. One was knocked temporarily unconscious and the other was seen with a bloodied nose. The opposition party issued a statement appealing to authorities to immediately arrest and prosecute the attackers.

Wastage costs Chinese city Guinness fried rice title

BEIJING (AP)—Guinness World Records has denied a Chinese city's attempt at a new mark for the biggest serving of fried rice ever cooked, saying Yangzhou violated rules by wasting 150 kilograms (331 pounds) of the feast. Accord-

ing to a posting on the record book's Chinese microblog, organizers said 4 metric tons (8,820 pounds) of cooked fried rice was distributed to five different outlets. However, it said a portion had been handled inappropriately, violating the organization's rules requiring that the food be edible and not be wasted. Local media quoted the Yangzhou tourism bureau as saying some of the rice was considered inedible and sent to a farm to feed pigs. Yangzhou fried rice is famed in China and throughout the world for its creative use of ingredients, including carrots, peas and ham. Local media said the record attempt last Thursday involved 300 cooks frying up the dish in individual woks before ladling it into one giant bowl for presentation. Most of it was then distributed to schools that had taken part in the event.

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Migrant Balkan surge continues amid EU attempt to slow it

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)—With freezing weather setting in, tens of thousands of migrants surging across Europe could face even more hurdles after European Union leaders pledged to stem their flow by introducing tighter border controls.

EU leaders committed at a weekend summit to helping the Balkans handle the flow of people making their way through the region en route to more prosperous countries. But with record numbers arriving from the Middle East, Asia and Africa, the moves will likely make their journeys more difficult.

On Monday, thousands of people, including many women, children and elderly, waited in long lines at the Croatian and Slovenia borders as the flow of humanity continued unabated.

"It is not difficult for me, but for people with families and children, it is so hard," said a 19-year-old Afghan, Habibi Loh.

Humanitarian officials warned of plummeting winter temperatures.

"In the short term, the situa-

tion is manageable," said Antonija Zaniuk of the Slovenian Red Cross. "We have a lot of winter clothing, blankets. We are distributing cups of tea, food. But, in the long term, who knows."

In a statement seeking to paper over deep divisions about how to handle the crisis, the EU and Balkan leaders meeting in Brussels committed to bolster the borders of Greece as it struggles to cope with the wave of refugees who cross over through Turkey. They also pledged to boost the capacities of reception centers in Greece and along the Balkans route to shelter 100,000 more people as winter looms and additional EU border watchdog agency officials are deployed to monitor the flow.

"This is a step in the right direction and now it is crucial to respect the commitments," said Slovenian Prime Minister Miro Cerar, whose tiny Alpine nation has been overwhelmed since Hungary put up a fence on the border with Serbia and Croatia, diverting the flow to Slovenia.



A young girl holds onto a fence as hundreds of migrants wait to enter a camp in Spielfeld, Austria, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015.

Slovenia has hinted that it will build a fence on the border with Croatia if the migrant surge

becomes too difficult to handle. "OK, place a fence, but if you are not ready to shoot at

the people, it will not stop anyone," Croatian Interior Minister Ranko Ostojic said amid a spat between the two neighbors over how to handle the crisis.

Croatian police said that as of early Monday, more than 13,000 migrants had arrived from Serbia over the previous 24 hours, while Slovenian police reported nearly 10,000 arrivals from Croatia in the same period. Further west, in Austria, some 3,500 people had to sleep outside in the cold fall weather, while Germany said it had seen 15,000 arrivals over the weekend.

Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic warned that addressing the crisis will take time.

"We will all be able to achieve some results in the coming weeks and months," he said. "But, it is clear that this crisis cannot be solved in a few weeks or months, but will improve step by step."

Sunday's meeting was called in response to a string of chaotic actions taken by countries along the route. With no real ability to control Greece's porous island border or stop people leaving

Turkey for sanctuary or jobs in Europe, the EU wants to restore some order and apply the brakes on those passing through.

Croatian Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic said resolving the crisis mostly depends on Turkey, where most of the refugees enter Europe, and on Germany, the desired destination of the vast majority of Syrians and others seeking protection in Europe.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Monday she remained confident Germany can integrate the large number of refugees who are arriving, and noted that many won't stay forever.

"There are very, very many, but there are 80 million of us," the German leader said at a town hall meeting in Nuremberg. "We can and we will manage this integration."

Merkel said most Syrians will get residency for three years but many likely will want to help rebuild Syria when the war ends. She said the Geneva Convention on refugees obliges Germany to protect people, "but we don't have the task of keeping everyone here for life."

5 Britons killed after whale boat sinks off Vancouver Island

TOFINO, British Columbia (AP)—Investigators sought to determine what caused a whale watching boat with 27 people on board to sink off Vancouver Island in seemingly calm weather, killing five people and leaving one person missing. A fisherman who helped in the rescue effort offered a clue Monday: a survivor told him that a sudden wave capsized the boat.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond confirmed in a statement Monday that the five killed were U.K. nationals. He said consular officials in British Columbia were supporting family members of those who died.

"My thoughts are with the family and friends of all those affected by this terrible accident," Hammond said.

Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on Tuesday said an Australian man was missing. DFAT said it was providing consular assistance to the man's family.

Australian Associated Press reported that the 27-year-old Sydney man's family said he was on the boat with his girlfriend and her family when it sank. His girlfriend's father was among the five British citizens confirmed dead, AAP said.

The other 21 people on board the Leviathan II were rescued Sunday, some by members of the local aboriginal community who rushed to help.

Officials have not commented on what caused the boat to cap-

size. A senior employee of Jamie's Whaling Station, the company operating the boat, said the vessel sank so quickly the crew didn't have time to issue a mayday call. The boat capsized off Tofino, a popular destination for whale watchers.

The company's director of



operations, Corene Inouye, said the crew used flares from the water which attracted the attention of local aboriginal fishermen.

Fisherman Clarence Smith said he was reeling his lines for halibut when his friend saw a flare shoot in the sky. In their small boat, they raced to the scene, and saw people in life rafts, in the water, and on rocks. They first helped a man who was clinging to the side of the boat, taking eight minutes to get him on board. He was unre-

sponsive, and tangled in a line.

Then they got two women who were clinging to each other, and finally got 10 people on a life raft onto their boat. Among those who they rescued were a pregnant woman and a woman with a broken leg.

"The lady was saying that a wave just capsized them. That's why there weren't any communications on the radio, no mayday," Smith said.

Government investigators arrived Monday afternoon in Tofino, a remote community of about 2,000 people at the very tip of a peninsula some 200 miles (320 kilometers) northwest of Victoria, the capital of British Columbia.

Marc Andre Poisson, Director of Marine Investigations for Canada's Transportation Safety Board, said it's too early to say what caused the boat to capsize it or what the contributing factors might be. He said the investigation could take months.

Poisson said they will review the weather, wreckage and maintenance history. He said they hadn't yet spoken to the crew and passengers. He said the vessel has been towed to a nearby island but remains mostly submerged. He said the investigation could take months.

Jamie Bray, the owner of Jamie's Whaling Station, said he is cooperating with investigators to determine what happened but said he didn't know the cause.

Poets latest to be snared in Iranian hard-liners' crackdown

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Two Iranian poets jailed for their work and sentenced to 99 lashes apiece for shaking hands with members of the opposite sex are the latest targets in a crackdown that analysts say pits hard-liners against those offering new glimpses of life in the Islamic Republic.

The sentences follow a pattern of arrests and convictions targeting activists, journalists and artists that has served as a grim backdrop to President Hassan Rouhani's efforts to soften the country's image and improve relations with the West, including through the landmark nuclear agreement reached last summer.

Hard-liners in the police, judiciary and military view any

rapprochement with the West as a threat to the Islamic Republic and a sign of moral decay. Rights groups and analysts say those targeted in the ongoing crackdown on expression in Iran also serve as pawns in the hard-liners' struggle with moderates ahead of February's parliamentary elections.

"I think people thought with the nuclear deal, there would be sort of a bit of a thaw as well or a bit of an opening up," said Karin Deutsch Karlekar, the director of Free Expression Programs at PEN America. "I think the judiciary is sort of pushing back and trying to make clear that there isn't going to be that opening people were hoping for."

Fatemeh Ekhtesari, a prac-

ticing obstetrician, and Mehdi Mousavi, a trained doctor who teaches literature and poetry, were first arrested in December 2013, months after Rouhani took office. Earlier this month, Ekhtesari received an 11½-year prison sentence, while Mousavi got nine years on charges ranging from propaganda against the state to "insulting sanctities," as well as the lashings, according to PEN.

Iran always has restricted the arts, but both writers previously had published books of poetry with the permission of government censors. Karlekar said the judiciary was waiting for a case where it could "make a demonstration and send a message by giving a very, very harsh sentence."

TV comic wins Guatemala presidential runoff

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)—Now that former comedian Jimmy Morales has ridden a tide of voter frustration to win Guatemala's presidency, it remained unclear Monday what the political neophyte will do once in office.

So far he's given few clues, beyond hinting at reviving a dormant border dispute with neighboring Belize, or attaching GPS locating devices to teachers to ensure they're in class.

Morales' campaign was heavy on style and light on concrete policy proposals and as landslide vote numbers rolled in on Sunday night, his campaign headquarters looked a lot like a TV variety show, with a band and dancers.

His biggest campaign pledge—like that of nearly all

other candidates—was to fight the entrenched corruption that forced the resignation of his predecessor, Otto Perez Molina, but Morales has spoken little about his own party's ties to some of the most conservative sectors of Guatemala's military, which has been struggling to avoid being held accountable for massacres committed during the country's 1960-1996 civil war.

"Jimmy Morales has no concrete plans to fight corruption, or anything else, for that matter. He just doesn't have any," said political analyst Renzo Rosal, who thinks the average voter went for Morales because "it's better to have him, than the other gang of thieves."

He predicted that Morales, whose nationalistic National

Convergence Front won few seats in Congress, will wind up cobbling together alliances with the very ruling elite that was targeted by mass anti-corruption protests this summer.

National Convergence itself was founded by retired army officers, some of whom have been implicated in rights abuses during the 1960-1996 civil war that pitted the army against leftist guerrillas. Former military dictator Efraim Rios Montt is fighting genocide charges for his role in the conflict, in which 200,000 died.

Morales has sought to distance himself from the officers who founded the party, but one of them, Col. Edgar Ovalle, was a close campaign adviser and will head the party's tiny, 11-member contingent in the 158-seat Congress.

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Three years ago, the little girl would hide under a table when confronted with reminders that both her parents were in prison.

Now almost 10, she's a confident, popular student, and ace recruiter for the program that helped her, says Daniel Howell, a case manager for New Hope Oklahoma. It offers after-school programs, weekend retreats and summer camps for about 500 Oklahoma children annually who have parents behind bars.

Nationwide, there are few comparable programs, despite a vast pool of children who might benefit.

Child Trends, a research organization, released a report Tuesday estimating that 5 million U.S. children have had at least one parent imprisoned—about one in every 14 children under 18. For black children, the rate was one in nine, the report said.

The report was based on data from the 2011-12 National Survey of Children's Health—a phone survey sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that collected input from parents and other caregivers.

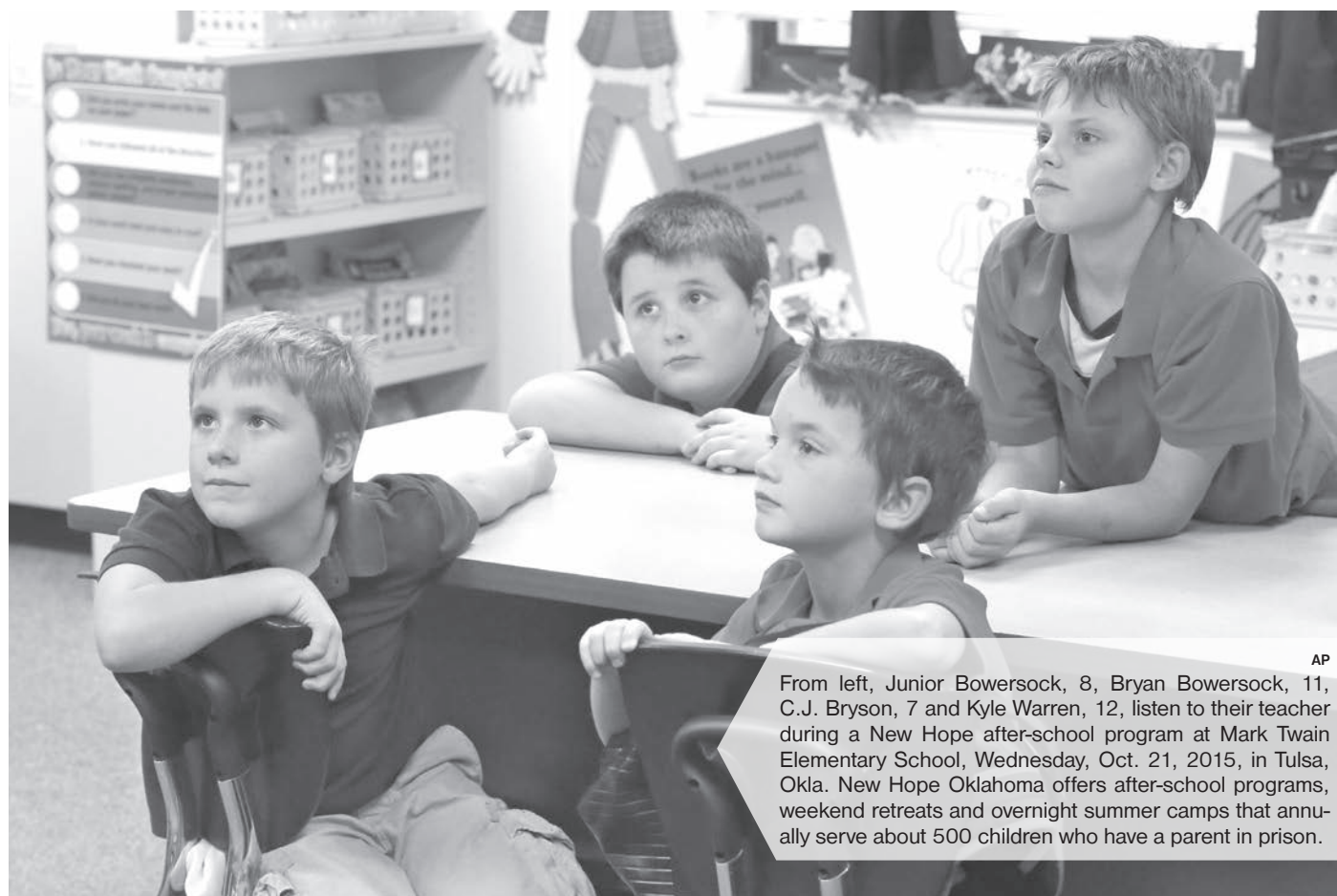
Experts who study these children, or work with them, say parental incarceration is distinguished from other childhood woes by a mix of shame, stigma and trauma. Research indicates that many of the children face increased risk of problems with behavior, academics, self-esteem and substance abuse—in some cases resulting in criminality passed from one generation to the next.

Echoing recommendations by other groups, Child Trends said prison systems, schools and communities could do more to support these children. Suggestions include improving communications between parent and child, making prison visits less stressful, and educating school teachers on how they can help affected children overcome stigma.

"Progress has been slow," said Child Trends researcher David Murphey, the report's lead author. "This is a vulnerable group of kids that is often hidden from public view. We need to pay more attention."

In some places, that's happening. Washington state has won plaudits for establishing child-friendly visiting areas in all its prisons; so has a program in southeast Michigan that facilitates playful, 2-hour visits between imprisoned parents and their kids.

As for New Hope Oklahoma, it has grown steadily over two decades while relying entirely on private donations, and there's now a waiting list for its programs. Oklahoma has one of the nation's highest incarceration rates; a task force calculat-



From left, Junior Bowersock, 8, Bryan Bowersock, 11, C.J. Bryson, 7 and Kyle Warren, 12, listen to their teacher during a New Hope after-school program at Mark Twain Elementary School, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, in Tulsa, Okla. New Hope Oklahoma offers after-school programs, weekend retreats and overnight summer camps that annually serve about 500 children who have a parent in prison.

Challenges abound for US kids who've had a parent in prison

By DAVID CRARY
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ed that on any given day, 26,000 Oklahoma children have a parent in prison.

"These children face ostracism among their peers because of it—despite the fact that the child is totally not at fault," said New Hope's executive director, Clayton Smith. "They don't speak about it. They don't want anyone to know."

The program seeks to foster a camaraderie among the children that encourages them to share experiences and emotions.

Daniel Howell, the case manager who works with after-school programs in Tulsa, recalled his encounters with some of the children, whom he could not identify due to privacy policies.

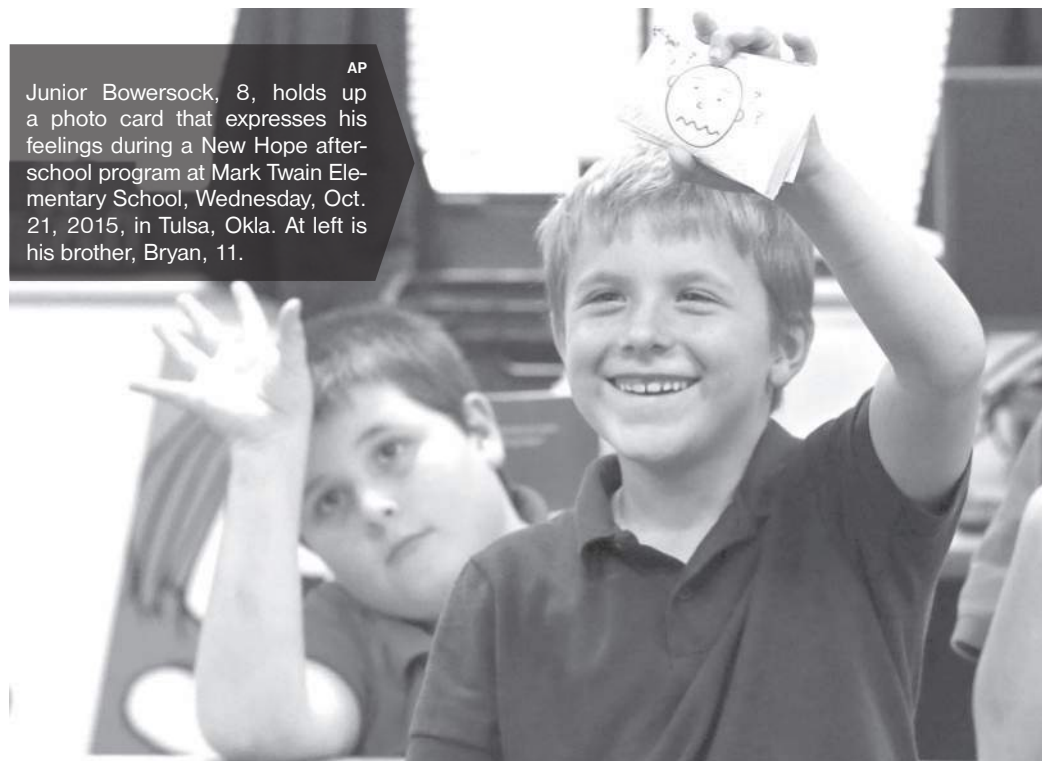
"I really want to live with my mom," one boy told him sadly, "and I can't right now."

Then there was the girl who entered the program as a 7-year-old and would hide when discomfited.

"We'd have to go sit under the table with her to talk to her," Howell said.

"Now, she's able to identify her feelings, talk about it really openly with other students," he added. "She's been a top recruiter, telling friends about New Hope and what we do."

While New Hope works with children at a distance from prison facilities, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's program in Michigan unites children with their incarcerated fathers in jails in Oakland and



Junior Bowersock, 8, holds up a photo card that expresses his feelings during a New Hope after-school program at Mark Twain Elementary School, Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, in Tulsa, Okla. At left is his brother, Bryan, 11.

Wayne counties, plus three state prisons. Visiting areas are decorated and stocked with playthings, and music is provided for twice-monthly play-oriented visits for perhaps a half-dozen families at a time.

Linda VanderWaal, the agency's associate director for family re-entry, noted that some jails in Michigan don't allow contact visits, while other facilities insist that child visitors remain

seated.

"We move the chairs back so there's room to throw a ball," VanderWaal said. "It's fine if a dad wants to toss his kid in the air or wrestle on the floor. It's a true play date."

When the program started 12 years ago, some corrections officials were hesitant, she said, but the wariness dissipated as they saw how participating parents adjusted more positively

after they were released.

According to federal statistics, only about 42 percent of incarcerated parents with children under 18 get visits from those children. Long distances are a deterrent: A new report by the Prison Policy Initiative calculates that 63 percent of state prison inmates are confined more than 100 miles from their families, often requiring a full day just to make a brief visit.

The issue of children's visits is complicated. Some children are frightened by the prison setting and rigorous security procedures, yet there's also a wealth of evidence that many are reassured when they can see and hug an incarcerated parent.

Groups advocating for these children urge corrections officials to ensure that visiting protocols, including processing and searches, are child-friendly.

In Maryland, a veteran advocate says it's a challenge bracing children for the visitation policy at the Frederick County Adult Detention Center. They talk to their jailed parent by phone from behind a glass partition.

"For a number of children, there's anxiety waiting to go into the jail—some are scared," said Shari Ostrow Scher, president of the Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership. "The lack of physical contact with your parents is hard."

After 14 years of advocacy work, Ostrow Scher remains struck by the plight of the children she serves.

"If your parent is a soldier overseas, everyone says, 'Oh, you're brave,'" she said. "When your parent is in prison, it's the same issue of loss and separation, and in neither case did the kid sign up for this. But you're not viewed in the same heroic way."

Among the states, Washington has been at the forefront of efforts to enhance bonds between incarcerated parents and their children.

Jody Becker-Green, a deputy secretary of Washington's corrections department, says one goal is to break the intergenerational cycle by minimizing the emotional damage to children whose parents are imprisoned.

"These kids are overlooked and invisible in our society," Becker-Green said. "They feel shame, they feel guilt in having a parent incarcerated."

Unlike most states, Washington has a child-friendly visiting area in each of its 12 state prisons—supplied with books and games, cartoon characters painted on the walls.

In another innovation, the corrections department inaugurated a three-day summer camp in June for children of inmates, with department personnel serving as counselors.

Applications for spots at the camp were submitted by the imprisoned parents themselves, and Becker-Green said there were plenty of tears at the camp's closing ceremony when children read portions of those applications in which the mothers and fathers expressed devotion to their kids.

One of the camp staffers, Bea Giron, recounted how a camper said she wouldn't want people to know she had a parent in prison. The girl was asked why.

"Because they'd think I'm a killer," she replied.

Good Housekeeping

Diggin' In: Hardy pansies are a bright spot in fall, winter and spring

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You know autumn is here when trays of pansies, along with pumpkins and gourds, appear in garden centers.

Perfect plants for three-season color, pansies are ideally planted when the weather is cool but the sun and soil are still warm enough to promote root growth and flower development.

Once established, pansies flower now through May with some TLC, including regular fertilizations and light pruning when the plants get straggly. In garden beds, they look best

when planted in masses that provide eye-catching, curb-appeal color. They also work well in pots and planters for porches and patios.

"I love pansies," says Eric Bailey of Landscapes by Eric Bailey — www.landscapesbyeb.com

"They are the one cheery plant for color in winter. My favorite color combination is Delta pure yellow and Delta true blue — these complement each other very nicely. However, I love blue and white or red and white as other combinations."

Planting pansies is easy when you follow some sage advice on getting the plants off to a good start.

"When you plant them, pinch off all pansies at the base of the stem one time," says Tish Llana of Countryside Gardens — <http://countrysidegardens.biz>

"You want the plant to get established first. Put that energy into the roots and plant. A fat, well-rooted plant will make it through the season much easier."

When planting, use a planter started fertilizer such as Bio-Tone, adds Llana. Then, follow up with regular feedings of Flower Tone for season-long flower production. Both organic "tone" products are by Espoma — www.espoma.com

Pansies are also tough annuals that survive even the harshest environments, according to Daniel Van Dyke, landscape installation manager at McDonald Garden Center — www.mcdonaldgardencenter.com

"With just a little TLC, you can keep a tight form and keep them blooming all season long," Van Dyke says.

"Pansies tend to get a bit leggy at times. If this occurs, simply pinch them back. Depending on how large they have gotten, you may even take them back to half of their existing size. This will stimulate new growth, resulting in a tighter plant. You may lose a few blooms right off the bat, but in the long run it will make for an attractive plant."

"Also, when you fertilize, pay attention to the nitrogen (the first



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Remove the flesh inside a pumpkin and insert a pot of pansies for an instant fall arrangement you can use indoors or outdoors.

number listed on a fertilizer), and the phosphorus (the middle number listed). Those are the components of a fertilizer that promotes leaf growth and flowering. We recommend Greenleaf fertilizer specifically formulated for Hampton Roads. It's what we use on our own plants."

For gardeners who battle hungry deer, pansies tempt them.

"If you want to give up on pansies and have a plant that deer do not eat, try Dianthus Telstar Mix," says Bailey.

"We planted many last year, and even in a terrible winter they pulled through perfectly."

On the positive side, pansies benefit bees during winter.

"Honey bees do work pansies and violas during cool weather,

but they are not a major source of nectar or pollen," says Pam Fisher, president Virginia State Beekeepers Association — www.virginiabeekeepers.org

"There simply aren't enough pansies to support a hive of bees, which requires acres of plants to sustain it. Asters and goldenrod — think native plants in huge numbers — are far more important, but their flowers do not survive a hard frost like pansies."

"Honey bees do not hibernate; they survive on their stored honey, which is why they make it. But they do augment the honey with nectar and pollen from anything in bloom during the winter. You can find bees bringing in pollen year-round in our area, even in the winter. Honey bees fly when the temperatures are above 50-degrees Fahrenheit, and sometimes pansies are the only thing out there blooming, so you'll see honey bees visiting them on warm winter days."

If you want to plant pansies for bees, Fisher encourages you to put in blue, white or yellow pansies and any that are fragrant.

"My experience is the yellow-flowering varieties are the most fragrant in hybrid pansies," she says.

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LIVING SMART:

10 tips to save on your electric bill

By STEPHANIE FIGY
ANGIE'S LIST

Do you suffer from sticker shock when you see your monthly electric bill? No matter what your financial situation, paying bills is about as much fun as a root canal. Read on for simple ways to lower your electric bill.

1. Close the curtains

During the summer, close curtains on the sunny side of your house during the day. Alternately, leave them open during a sunny day in the winter.

2. Don't forget annual heating and A/C maintenance

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, heating and cooling your home uses more energy than any other system, typically making up 54 percent of your electric bill. Ensure your systems are running at their highest efficiency by hiring highly rated heating and A/C technicians to perform annual cleanings and checkups. Also, be sure to change out your air filters.

3. Consider unplugging

You might think your appliances aren't using energy when they're turned off, but this isn't always the case. To avoid using what's called vampire power, unplug devices when not in use. If the outlets aren't easily accessible, plug devices into a power strip that you can switch off and on when needed.

4. Upgrade outdated appliances

If your systems are old, consider updating to more energy efficient products. The energy savings and tax rebates available prove the investment's worth.

5. Change your light bulbs

Switching to compact fluorescent or light-emitting diode bulbs provides drastic energy savings. In fact, LED bulbs

are 80 percent more efficient than incandescent lighting, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

6. Program your thermostat

Set your thermostat at a comfortable temperature in the winter and summer, but program it to raise and lower the temperature when you're away from your home or sleeping to save on heating and cooling costs.

7. Keep your HVAC unit clear of debris

Shrubby, branches or debris on or near the system can hinder its overall performance. However, an awning or tree over the unit provides shade, which cuts energy consumption.

8. Plant a tree

Not only are you helping save the planet, but the shade can provide relief on cooling costs.

9. Check for air leaks

Make sure no air is getting through the weather stripping around the windows, doors or attic. Seal any areas where you find leaks.

10. Turn down the heat

Lower your water heater base temperature to 120 degrees. Wash your clothes in cold or warm water when possible, and only wash when you have a full load. Turn off the heat dry option on your dishwasher.

Consult a highly rated, licensed electrician if you have questions about reducing your electric bill. You may also want to consider an energy efficiency home audit to see if additional home maintenance might be needed to save on future energy bills.

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LIVING SMART:

Living Smart: How to know if gutters need work or replacement

By JOSH PALMER
ANGIE'S LIST

If your gutters are starting to fail and you aren't sure whether to repair them or just replace them with new gutters, here are answers from three Dallas gutter experts to help you make the best decision.

How often should I clean my gutters?

Mike Long, manager at Frazier Roofing & Guttering Co. in Arlington, Tex.: It should be more than once a year.

Jason Phillips, owner of Phillips Painting, Roofing & Gutters in Plano, Tex.: Annually, at a minimum. If you have a lot of trees, several times a year.

Jerry Powell, owner of All-Tech's Installations in North Richland Hills, Tex.: At the minimum, they need to be checked and cleaned in the spring and fall.

What are the signs I need to repair or replace my gutters?

Long: Look for leaks in corners, staining from water or overflow, or rust in steel gutters. They should hang level, so if your gutters are turning down more toward the front, some-



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Gutter replacement may be necessary if gutters are rusting or leaking. Clean out gutters at least once a year to make them last.

thing needs to be done.

Phillips: With galvanized steel gutters, you'll start seeing rust. If the gutters aren't secured well, they'll start sagging. Also, look for gutter joints pulling apart or overflowing during rain.

Powell: If you see water coming out from behind the gutter, there's something wrong.

Do you recommend gutter guards, screens or covers?

Long: Screens don't work as well because of the fuzzies from

oak trees in the spring. Gutter hoods are expensive, but they make your gutters zero to little maintenance.

Phillips: There are several different types, and we recommend the one that's right for your situation.

Powell: We recommend using steel powder-coated mesh guards.

How long will new gutters last?

Long: If you maintain aluminum gutters, they can last

almost forever. Clean them, re-secure the fasteners and reseal the corners and end caps.

Phillips: We use stainless aluminum, and the materials come with a lifetime warranty. Keep them cleaned out, put leaf guards on, and get them adjusted from time to time.

Powell: Aluminum gutters should last a lifetime. Just keep them clean and sometimes, because of settling of the house, they may need to be raised or lowered.

Life & Style

Suge Knight, Katt Williams due back in Los Angeles court

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Former rap music mogul Marion “Suge” Knight and comedian Katt Williams are scheduled to appear in a Los Angeles courtroom on Tuesday to be re-arraigned in a robbery case.

The hearing comes two weeks after a judge determined the men should stand trial on robbery charges filed after a celebrity photographer accused the pair of stealing her camera in Beverly Hills in September 2014.

Williams’ attorney acknowledged that the comedian briefly took the photographer’s camera but said at an Oct. 13 hearing that he did so only to erase images of Knight’s son. The photographer testified that a confrontation with Williams and another woman left her with a concussion and wrist and hand injuries.

Knight’s attorney denies the Death Row Records co-founder was involved in taking the camera. Attorney Thomas Mesereau said at the hearing that threats Knight made toward photographer Leslie Redden were attempts to get her to not shoot photos of his young son.

“The only evidence that exists is he didn’t want his son photographed,” Mesereau said. “Any father would have acted as he did.”

Redden recorded a verbal confrontation with Knight on a camera hanging from her neck, but the device did not capture the physical struggle over her professional camera.

Knight remains jailed without bail in a separate murder case filed after he ran over two men outside a Compton burger stand in January, killing one and seriously injuring an adviser to the film “Straight Outta Compton.”

Knight, 50, has pleaded not guilty and already been ordered to stand trial in that case, but no trial date has been set. Coen set a Dec. 11 court hearing to get an update on the case.

Knight was a key player in the gangster rap scene that flourished in the 1990s, and his Death Row Records label once listed Dr. Dre, Tupac Shakur and Snoop Dogg among its artists. He lost control of the company after it was forced into bankruptcy.

He faces potential life sentences if convicted in either case because of prior convictions for armed robbery and assault with a gun.

Williams, 44, has starred in several comedy specials and appeared in films such as “First Sunday” and “Friday After Next.”



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In this July 7, 2015, file photo, Marion Hugh “Suge” Knight sits for a hearing in his murder case in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Video testimony of Pharrell Williams, Robin Thicke, released

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Footage of Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams testifying about the creation of the song “Blurred Lines” that was a key element of a copyright infringement trial earlier this year has been released, showing Thicke repeatedly acknowledging he was drunk and high during interviews promoting 2013’s biggest hit song.

Both men are seen on the footage, which was released Monday, verbally sparring with an attorney for Marvin Gaye’s children, who sued the men for copyright infringement and won a \$7.4 million verdict in March. The testimony includes Thicke responding “No” when asked if he considered himself an honest man and Williams refusing to read music for the attorney and telling him, “I’m not here to teach you music.”

While many of the statements made by Williams and Thicke during their 2014 depositions were reported during the trial, video of the men testifying has been unavailable. The copyright infringement trial was not video recorded.

U.S. District Judge John A. Kronstadt ordered the footage released earlier this month, writing that it had been kept under seal to prevent it from

influencing potential jurors in the case. The footage, which includes only portions of the deposition played during trial, was filed last week but not publicly released by the court until Monday. The video was posted online by The Hollywood Reporter on Saturday.

The verdict, which Kronstadt later cut to \$5.3 million, is being appealed.

Gaye’s heirs claimed “Blurred Lines” copied their father’s hit, “Got to Give It Up,” although lawyers for Thicke and Williams said the newer song merely mimicked the feel of Gaye’s music and didn’t copy it.

“The deposition testimony of the witnesses from the trial is old news,” Howard King, an attorney for Williams and Thicke, wrote in an email. “The songs are still different and we look forward to complete vindication on appeal.”

Attorneys for the Gaye family used the deposition footage to contradict answers the artists gave during their live testimony and to try to show them as being dishonest about the song’s creation.

The testimony reflected especially poorly on Thicke, who scored the biggest hit of his career with “Blurred Lines” and

was forced to admit under oath that he didn’t have anything to do with the song’s creation, and he was drunk and high while promoting it.

“With all due respect, I was high and drunk every time I did an interview last year,” Thicke said during his April 2014 deposition. He acknowledged that included lying during an interview with Oprah Winfrey.

He also testified, “When I give interviews, I tell whatever I want to say to help sell records.”

When asked about Thicke’s claims he helped write the music for “Blurred Lines,” Williams said the singer had engaged in a common practice within the industry for someone to embellish their contribution. “What you’re hanging your hat on here, is a guy that wants to perceive that, like, that song ... that he had the impetus or genesis for it,” Williams testified, adding that wasn’t true.

Williams is a 10-time Grammy Award winner. Songs that he’s either performed or produced have sold more than 100 million copies worldwide. His hit “Happy” has helped make him a household name, as has his work as a judge on NBC’s singing competition show, “The Voice.”

Lawyer: Bill Cosby accuser met with police as case reopened

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Police reviewing a 2005 sexual-abuse complaint against Bill Cosby have re-interviewed his accuser, but an election next week could determine if he’s charged.

Former Temple University employee Andrea Constand, who settled a sex-abuse lawsuit against Cosby, met two months ago with detectives from suburban Philadelphia, her lawyer said.

Lawyer Dolores Troiani confirmed the police interview late Monday, the day Constand filed a defamation lawsuit against the prosecutor who declined to arrest Cosby when she first came forward.

The lawsuit accuses former Montgomery County prosecutor Bruce L. Castor Jr. of defaming Constand with remarks made this year as he seeks to return to the job.

Castor has said Constand gave to police in January 2005 a different story than the felony assault she described in her lawsuit that year.

“If the allegations in the civil complaint were contained with that detail in her statement to the police, we might have been able to make a case out of it,” he said last month, defending his decision not to prosecute Cosby.

Troiani said Monday it was “outrageous that a victim of a crime could be treated this same way—twice—by the same man.”

The election next week pits

Castor against a man involved in the newly reopened investigation, Kevin Steele, a top deputy in the district attorney’s office.

Constand has accused Cosby of drugging and sexually assaulting her at his home in Montgomery County in January 2004. She met Cosby through her women’s basketball team job at Temple, where Cosby, who has denied widespread abuse claims from several women, was a trustee.

Authorities have until January 2016 to file charges under the 12-year statute of limitations for felony sexual assault in Pennsylvania.

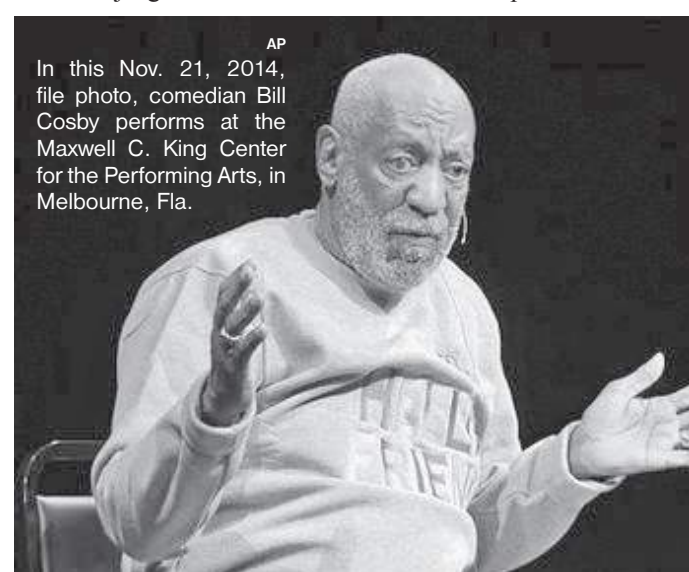
The current prosecutor, Risa Vetri Ferman, is stepping down to run for judge. She declined to

discuss the investigation Monday. However, responding to questions about the Cosby case, she recently noted the “tremendous courage” it takes for sexual-assault victims to come forward.

Constand, in the defamation lawsuit against Castor, said she had become “collateral damage for his political ambitions.”

Castor did not immediately return a call seeking comment Monday. The Legal Intelligencer first reported on the lawsuit, which seeks at least \$150,000 in damages and came eight days before the election.

Castor, a Republican, and Steele, a Democrat, have tried to spin the Cosby case to their advantage in campaign ads. Troiani said the case shouldn’t be used as “a political football.”



AP
In this Nov. 21, 2014, file photo, comedian Bill Cosby performs at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts, in Melbourne, Fla.

Royals and 007 cast give sparkle to 'Spectre' world premiere

LONDON (AP)—The new James Bond flick "Spectre" got a royal seal of approval at its world premiere Monday night.

Fans who lined the red carpet not only got to see Daniel Craig—resplendent in a dark tuxedo and earthy smile—and glamorous co-stars Lea Sey-

doux and Monica Bellucci, but could also catch a glimpse of Prince William, his wife Kate, and Prince Harry, still sporting a beard.

All eyes were on Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, who was among the last to arrive at the Royal Albert Hall before the



From left Britain's Prince William, Kate the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry attend the World Premiere of the new James Bond film Spectre, in London, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015.

film rolled. She chose a light blue Jenny Packham dress for the event.

The two princes wore tuxedos, which have been something of a Bond trademark since the days when Sean Connery played 007 for the first time in "Dr. No" in 1962.

The royals, who arrived in a Bentley, were greeted by director Sam Mendes and co-producers Barbara Broccoli and

Michael G. Wilson.

Craig, accompanied by his film star wife Rachel Weisz, patiently posed for dozens of selfies with adoring fans. He told reporters he had "loved every minute" he's spent as Bond and declined to answer questions about whether he would return for a fifth turn as the sexy, world-saving British agent.

Seydoux wore a shimmering gold backless gown for the night that marked her emergence as the latest in a long line of romantic interests for the suave British agent. Bellucci, also a love interest in the film, wore a dark gown with a plunging neckline.

After hand surgery, Enrique Iglesias helping kids in crises

NEW YORK (AP)—Enrique Iglesias is giving a helping hand to children dealing with emergencies after an accident with a drone led to him having reconstructive hand surgery.

Save the Children said Monday that Iglesias is working with the organization to sell white T-shirts with a red heart at its center—mirroring how Iglesias' shirt looked after he cut his fingers at a concert and wiped the blood on his shirt.

Iglesias, 40, sliced his fingers in May when grabbing a drone at a show in Tijuana, Mexico, and video and photos posted online highlighted his bandaged hand and bloodied T-shirt. He underwent reconstructive hand surgery because

he suffered a fracture that needed to be corrected.

"I'm extremely excited to partner with Save the Children to help kids who need it the most. My heart goes out to the kids around the world who have lived through a humanitarian crisis and have to rebuild their lives from scratch," Iglesias said in a statement.

The T-shirts, which go on sale Tuesday on the singer's website, cost \$27.50. At least \$12 from each sale will benefit Save the Children's emergency fund, which focuses on responding quickly to crises such as floods and disease outbreaks as well as providing supplies before an emergency hits.



In this July 3, 2015 file photo, Enrique Iglesias flashes a V sign with his bandaged fingers during an interview at the National Auditorium in Mexico City.

Adele producer: Keeping mum about 'Hello' was hard

NEW YORK (AP)—Getting into the studio and writing a potential hit song for Adele sounds hard enough. Now add in keeping mum about the track for a year.

That's the challenge Greg Kurstin faced after producing and co-writing "Hello" last year.

"I'm not going to lie—it's not easy to hold that information in for that long," the Grammy- and Golden Globe-nominated songwriter-producer said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"You kind of want to shout it out, run around in the streets

yelling to random strangers what you've just done," he added.

"Hello" was released Friday, and it topped the iTunes singles chart in 85 countries. The music video broke the Vevo record for most views in a day with 27.7 million.

"Hello" is Adele's first album single since releasing 2011's "21," her sophomore album that sold more than 11 million units in the United States and won the Grammy Award for album of the year, among other accolades.

"I'm still in shock, honestly.



In this Feb. 24, 2013 file photo, singer Adele performs during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

... I was just pretty blown away," Kurstin said of the insta-success of "Hello."

Kurstin, who has worked with Pink, Lily Allen, Katy Perry and Taylor Swift, said he and Adele were supposed to work together on music for "21," but it didn't pan out. On "25," which Adele will release Nov. 20, he also

contributed to the tracks "Water Under the Bridge" and "Million Years Ago."

Kurstin said he felt pressure before meeting with Adele since this was her follow-up to "21." But that changed once he set foot in the studio, and they started working on songs last year, including "Hello."

Caustic comic Ricky Gervais to return as Golden Globes host

NEW YORK (AP)—Bad boy Ricky Gervais is set to notch his fourth turn as host of the Golden Globe Awards.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association and NBC announced Monday that the sharp-tongued humorist and film star will preside over the 73rd Annual Golden Globe

Awards, set for January 10. The three-hour broadcast, airing live coast-to-coast on NBC, will kick off the 2016 film awards season.

Gervais scored laughs and raised hackles with his riotous hosting style for three consecutive years from 2010 to 2012.

Boyfriend takes distrust to frightening extremes

DEAR ABBY: I'm madly in love with a man I've been dating for almost a year, but I don't think he's in love with me. He claims he's been hurt twice from two failed marriages.

He keeps giving me mixed signals. He questions me about my male friends constantly. He shows up at my apartment without calling in hopes that he will catch me with another man.

During his last drive-by, he saw me in my car at midnight listening to music while surfing the Web on my phone. Of course, he thought I was on the way out to a boyfriend's house because I had my gym bag and a grocery bag in the front seat with me. He ordered me to open my bags so he could see if I had any overnight clothes inside. After he saw there were no clothes, he calmed down.

I don't know if I should keep this relationship going or if I should abandon ship. Could you please let me know how I should handle my situation?

MIXED SIGNALS IN VIRGINIA

DEAR MIXED SIGNALS: You may be madly in love with this man, but unless you have agreed that your relationship with him is exclusive, he should not be grilling you about your friendships with your male friends. That he comes over with no notice hoping to catch you cheating is more than a little sick, and what he pulled during his midnight prowling is off the charts.

It is important that you understand the only way he will ever

overcome his insecurities and inability to trust will be with professional help. He is so messed up that you could enter a convent and he would mount a security camera at the back door to make sure you weren't going out on him.

Not only should you abandon ship, you should run like heck once you reach dry land. Hasn't it occurred to you that this may be the reason two wives left him?

DEAR ABBY: I am older than my wife by 10 years. We have been married six years, and we have six children between us. We tried for another, but my wife miscarried.

I decided to have a vasectomy because my wife was determined to have a baby without regard for my wishes or the extreme stress happening in our lives at the time. Begrudgingly, I am going to have it reversed, even though the cost of the procedure is more than we can afford right now. I believe we have other, more important issues to put the money toward.

This is a hot topic, and it always leads to fights. I don't know if our relationship will last much longer if it isn't resolved. Advice, Abby?

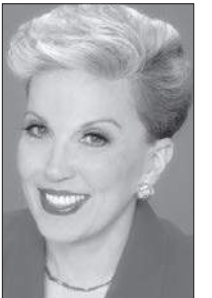
ANGUISHED IN AUSTIN

DEAR ANGUISHED: Put that vasectomy reversal on hold. What you and your wife need far more is to resolve the problems in what is clearly a very troubled marriage. Do not consider surgery until these matters have been put to rest because whatever is going on, another baby is NOT the answer.

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: One person handles the money for our family reunion every year. Only that one person knows how much comes in and how much is spent. We all would like copies of the treasurer's report, but he refuses. Is this right for a treasurer of any organization?

PUZZLED PENNY IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR PENNY: No, it isn't. If you think this relative may be behaving dishonestly, the rest of the family should agree that another individual will receive the monies for the next reunion and provide an accounting when the family is all together again.

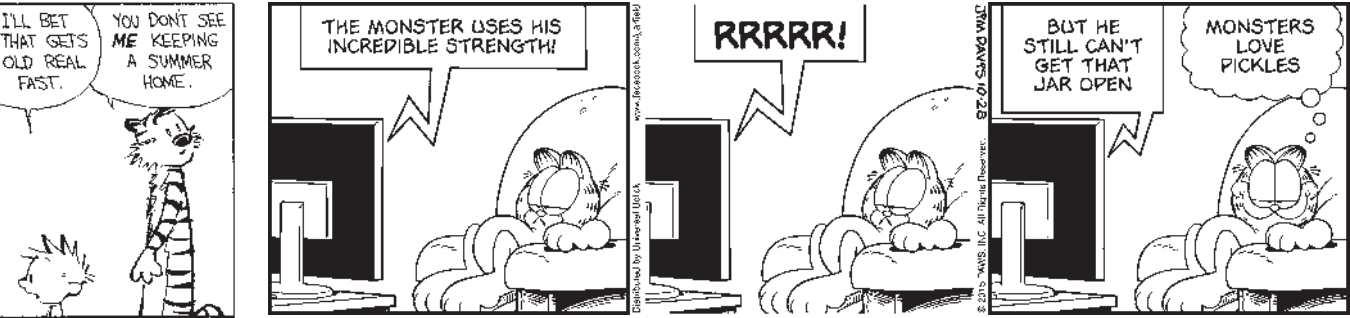
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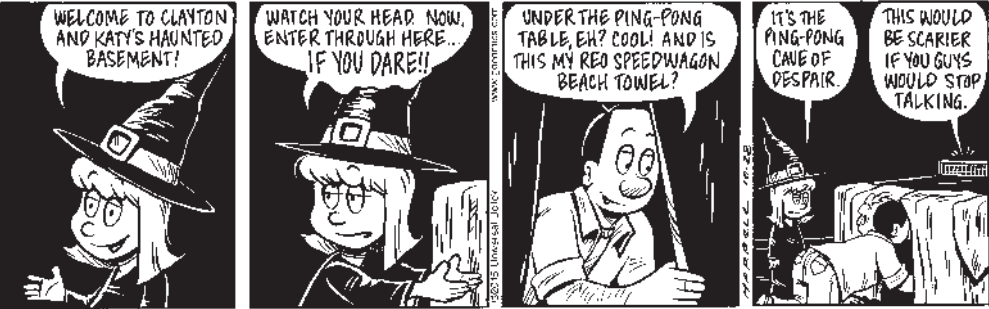
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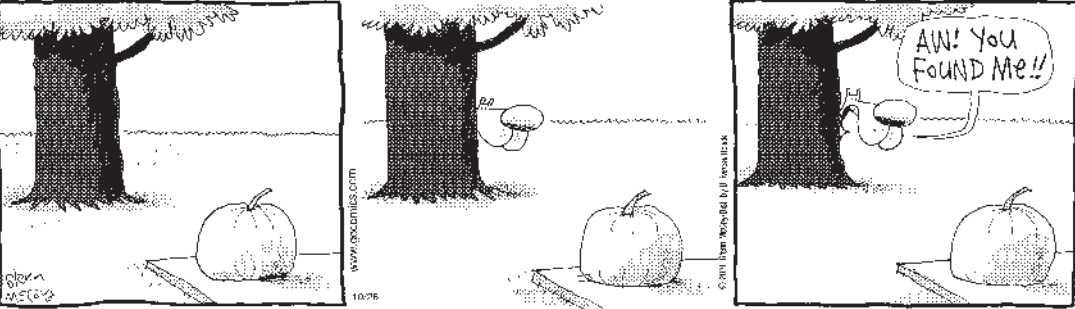
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1 TV host
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8 Women's links grp.
12 Surrounded by
13 Altar
14 Spoken
15 Black-and-white baby in a zoo
17 "Gone —" (2014 film)
18 Sly one
19 Good-year's airships
21 Pulverize potatoes
24 Top card
25 Swabbers
28 Cannes milk
30 Uncooked
33 Out — limb
34 Opera singer's asset
35 "— had it!"
36 Floral necklace
37 "Beetle Bailey" pooch
38 Help a crook
39 Stanley Cup org.

41 Endorses
43 Sacred choral works
46 "Old Mac-Donald" refrain
50 Prince of India
51 Pretend not to know
54 24-hr. breakfast chain
55 Beet's hue
56 Cleveland's lake
57 Long lunches?
58 "You bet!"
59 PlayStation maker

2 Single-named model
3 Fragrant wood
4 Uncle Fester's family
5 Short film?
6 Yale URL
7 — salad
8 Sound thinking
9 Pricey steak-house order
10 "The World According to —"
11 Shake-speare title starter
16 Alias initials
20 Overdue

22 Piggy-bank opening
23 Port-au-Prince's country
25 Gretchen of "Board-walk Empire"
26 Single
27 Handy-man's assignment
29 Desktop image
31 NYC's Madison
32 Drenched
34 — battery
38 Lines to the audience
40 Piles
42 Door opener
43 3-D hosp. tests
44 Waikiki's isle
45 Agile
47 Italian currency
48 "Let's do it"
49 Do as you're told
52 "Life of Pi" director
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53 Wanted items?

Solution time: 23 mins.

Yesterday's answer 10-28

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Joaquin Phoenix, 41; Brad Paisley, 43; Julia Roberts, 48; Caitlyn Jenner, 66.

Happy Birthday: You can make things happen this year if you are determined, precise and particular about who you do business with and what you strive to obtain. A no-nonsense approach will help clear the way for success. Show everyone what you are capable of doing and you will become the go-to person. Romance is on the rise. Your numbers are 4, 15, 22, 28, 31, 39, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Choose to use your entrepreneurial mind. Start your own moneymaking business or find new outlets for the skills you've already mastered. Plan to do something that will inspire you to believe in your abilities and what you have to offer. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Let your heart lead the way. Use your creative imagination and sense of practicality to get the quality you want in whatever you pursue. A business trip will offer interesting alternatives that you hadn't considered in the past. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't make assumptions. What you see is not what you get. Get the lowdown, discuss your options, and be ready to adapt to whatever situation you face. Being able to roll with the punches will help you excel. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put detail, precision and originality into gear and make things happen. Your contributions will be welcome and position you well for future projects. Your great memory and experience will separate you from any competition you encounter. ****

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let emotional matters interfere with your ability to do your job. Use your ingenuity and you will come up with solutions to any problems you face if you are willing to make the necessary changes. Don't give in to emotional manipulation. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Reconsider the way you've been living and you'll find suitable alternatives. Don't be afraid to say "no" to demands. You'll do better if you surround yourself with positive people. Learn to accept yourself for who you are. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't put up with bullies or people looking for hand-outs. Protect your health, your heart and your bank account. Be willing to make changes that will improve your life and free you from the people who bring you down or hold you back. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your mark on whatever you do. Your unique way of doing things will pay off and draw interest from someone who can help you advance. Love is on the rise. Celebrate with someone special. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spend time at home making personal and stylistic changes that will bring you joy. Don't overdo it physically or let indulgence take over. Rest, relaxation and enjoying what you have will give you the boost you need to recharge. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Explore different options and look at new possibilities. Form closer bonds with the people you know you want in your life and make a point to offer incentives to those who contribute to your world. Love is in the stars. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look over your personal papers and negotiate legal or contractual partnerships and you will find a way to move forward. Making a couple of alterations will do you good. Don't let emotions well up. Tame your temper by taking on a physical challenge. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick close to home or make plans to spend time with someone you love. Your best offers and suggestions will come from those you have a close relationship with already. Good fortune will result from a solid partnership. ****

Birthday Baby: You are determined, persuasive and fussy. You are practical and competitive. Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on [twitter/facebook/linkedin](http://twitter.com/eugenialast).

WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

RAYON SHEETS

Solution: 6 letters

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Johnson rolls over defender, Cardinals beat Ravens, 26-18



GLENDALÉ, Ariz. (AP)—Chris Johnson rolled to victory. His Arizona Cardinals had to hold on to win.

Johnson rushed for 122 yards, 62 on a play where he rolled over the belly of a big defender and kept on running to set up a field goal, and the Cardinals held on to beat the luckless Baltimore Ravens 26-18 on Monday night.

Baltimore (1-6) drove to the 4 in the final seconds before Tony Jefferson's interception deep in the end zone clinched the victory for NFC West-leading Arizona (5-2).

"A lot of things happened during the game," Cardinals coach Bruce Arians said. "Good, bad and one ugly one, but we finished and made a great play at the end."

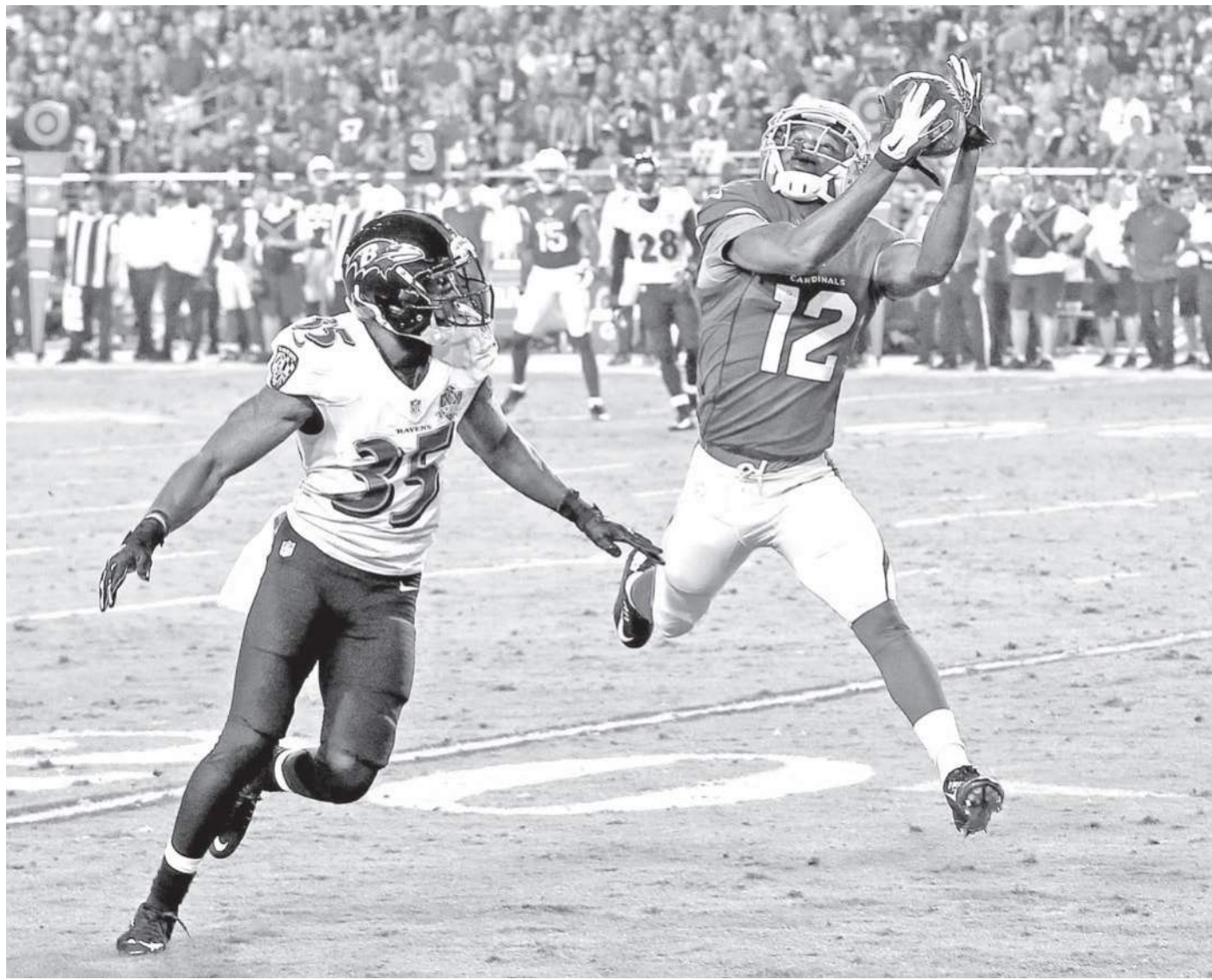
Arizona led 26-10 before Asa Jackson's blocked a punt to set up Joe Flacco's 1-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Juszczyk. The 2-point conversion pass to Nick Boyle made it an eight-point game with 4:26 to play.

Baltimore got the ball back and Flacco quickly moved the team downfield before the final ill-fated throw.

"The punt block and all of a sudden you let them in," Arizona's Carson Palmer said, "but that's what you want on 'Monday Night Football.' We made it a game at the end."

Coach John Harbaugh said the Ravens had trouble with the communications system throughout the game, particularly in the final drive.

"The phones were going out so he couldn't hear (offensive coordinator) Marc (Trestman)," Harbaugh said. "I don't know why the phones were going out on that drive but they went out on



Arizona Cardinals wide receiver John Brown (12) pulls in a pass as Baltimore Ravens defensive back Shareece Wright (35) defends during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015, in Glendale, Ariz.

that drive. Mark had to yell, we couldn't get the personnel groups, all those things are really challenging when the phones are out."

Baltimore moved the ball just fine despite those issues, just not enough. The eight-point loss was the most one-sided of the season for the Ravens.

"Any time you lose it hits you in the gut," Baltimore's Justin Forsett said. "But we've been fighting. We just have to keep fighting."

Johnson also ran 26 yards for a touchdown. The 30-year-old running back, signed late in training camp after recovering from a gunshot wound during the offseason, topped 100 yards for the third time this season and didn't even play in the fourth quarter. The last Arizona player to do that was Edgerrin James in 2007.

Palmer completed 20 of 29 passes for 275 yards and two touchdowns. Flacco was 26 for

40 for 252 yards, with a touchdown and that one interception. Forsett had a 14-yard touchdown run, but finished with only 36 yards in 12 carries.

A 26-10 lead seemed comfortable before Bryant burst up the middle to block Drew Butler's punt to set up the final Ravens touchdown.

The play of the night came in the third quarter, when Johnson hit the line and was pulled down, but he came to rest on the belly

of 6-foot-1, 335-pound Brandon Williams. Johnson's knee or elbow didn't touch, so he alertly got up and kept running to the 4. Johnson said he'd never been part of a play like that.

"Basically, you just keep playing until the whistle," Johnson said. "That is something Arians teaches us, we always have to play to the whistle and have to finish. That is something you learn coming up from little league: Keep playing until the whistle blows."

The play set up Chandler Catanzaro's second 21-yard field goal, making it a two-possession game at 20-10.

After Arizona scored again, Catanzaro's try for the conversion bounced off the right upright and was no good, setting the stage for the tight finish.

The only turnover of night, before Jefferson's interception, led to a touchdown that put the Cardinals up 14-10 at the half and Arizona never trailed again.

Justin Bethel, a Pro Bowl player on special teams the last two years, stripped the ball from punt returner Jeremy Ross' hands and recovered at the Ravens 25. Penalties gave Arizona a series of chances inside the 5 and, finally, Palmer threw 3 yards to Michael Floyd for the score to put Arizona up 10-7 with 1:01 left in the half.

St. Louis gets a chance to make pitch to keep the Rams

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Sellouts are rare for the St. Louis Rams, but a public hearing on the team's effort to relocate is drawing a capacity crowd.

All 1,500 available seats for the hearing Tuesday night at the Peabody Opera House were snapped up last week. The NFL is hosting similar forums this week in the other two cities that could potentially lose their teams as early as next season—Wednesday in San Diego and Thursday in Oakland.

The Rams are at the bottom of the league in home attendance, drawing on average fewer than 52,000 fans to the 66,000-seat Edward Jones Dome. That isn't a complete surprise given that the Rams haven't had a winning season since 2003, and owner Stan Kroenke wants to abandon St. Louis for a proposed \$1.8 billion stadium in the Los Angeles suburbs.

Owners of the San Diego Chargers and Oakland Raiders have proposed sharing another new stadium in another

L.A. suburb.

The league is hosting the meetings as part of the process to decide which team or teams get to relocate to the nation's second-largest market, which has been without a franchise since the Rams moved to St. Louis in 1995.

As far as what is said at the hearing in St. Louis, "That's up to the fans," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

"The purpose is to help the 32 clubs better understand the dynamics of those three markets before any decision is made about potential relocation," McCarthy said.

The NFL capped the number of participants at roughly 1,500 for each market, partly because the venues in Oakland and San Diego are smaller than the ornate 3,100-seat Peabody.

The majority of the 1,500 participants are season-ticket holders. Those who speak will have up to three minutes. No signs will be allowed.

League officials, including Eric Grubman, the NFL's executive vice president who has been the point person on relocation issues, will be on hand to answer questions.

McCarthy said none of the three teams has officially applied for relocation, and aren't expected to until the regular season ends. Three-fourths of owners, or at least 24 of the 32, must approve relocation.

The Rams have had their glory days in St. Louis, including a Super Bowl win in 2000 and a return to the Super Bowl two years later. Those "Greatest Show on Turf" teams played before sold-out crowds so loud opposing teams complained their players couldn't hear the quarterback's signals.

In fact, the Edward Jones Dome was sold out for every game from the team's arrival until December 2006.

Bad play and bad vibes resulted in a downward spiral.

The Rams haven't had a win-

ning record since 2003. The 20-year-old dome became outdated by NFL standards and a less-than-enticing venue. When the Rams and the dome operators couldn't reach agreement on a renovation plan, Kroenke looked West, further souring relations with fans who feel jilted and fear becoming two-time NFL losers—the Cardinals bolted for Phoenix in 1987.

Over the past year, a St. Louis stadium task force appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon has laid out plans for a new \$1 billion open-air stadium along the Mississippi River near the Gateway Arch. The project would be funded with a combination of public money, funds from the NFL, and from the owner. Kroenke and the Rams have not commented about the viability of the project.

Organizers have said the goal is to keep the NFL in St. Louis—if not the Rams, some other team.

NFL: Judge's ruling for Tom Brady was 'unfathomable'

NEW YORK (AP)—NFL lawyers told a federal appeals court in Manhattan on Monday that it was "unfathomable" that a judge could decide to lift New England quarterback Tom Brady's four-game suspension in the "Deflategate" controversy.

The lawyers said in papers filed with the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that Judge Richard Berman reached an "inexplicable" conclusion when he determined that the league failed to adequately warn Brady of the potential suspension and made errors in its investigation that required him to nullify the penalty.

The league asked the appeals court to reverse the lower-court judge and reinstate the penalty that would have kept Brady out of the first four games of this season.

Berman's ruling came a week before the start of a season in which the Patriots are undefeated through six games. He found that the league's actions were "premised upon several significant legal deficiencies."

The appeals court isn't scheduled to hear oral arguments in the case before February, meaning this season will not be affected by any outcome.

Attorneys for the NFL Play-

ers Association didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Berman ruled after the NFL asked the court to find that it had acted appropriately in its investigation and handling of a controversy that arose after balls were believed to be improperly deflated prior to January's AFC championship game against the Indianapolis Colts. New England beat the Colts 45-7.

A league investigation found it was "more probable than not" that two Patriots ball handling employees deliberately released air from Patriots game balls. In upholding the findings in July, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell concluded Brady conspired with his team's ball handlers and tried to obstruct the league's probe, including by destroying his cellphone.

In its papers Monday, the league said Goodell properly followed the collective bargaining agreement between the league and the union.

"His decision not only walked through all the evidence he considered and credited in painstaking detail, but also explained at length his efforts to determine how the CBA should be applied to the unprecedented situation before him," the lawyers wrote.

They said Berman ignored

Fearsome Foursome: Mets' young aces take on Royals in Series

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)— Anyone arriving a little early to a New York Mets game this season has probably witnessed "The Walk."

Matt Harvey, Jacob deGrom or another emerging ace striding in from the bullpen following pregame warmups, with pitching coach Dan Warthen right alongside—and the rest of that fearless rotation trailing just behind.

For opposing hitters, it's become an imposing march to impending doom.

"We have a lot of weapons," Harvey said Monday.

Riding four young starters all the way through October, the hard-throwing Mets are ready to fire their best stuff at the Kansas City Royals in the 111th World Series.

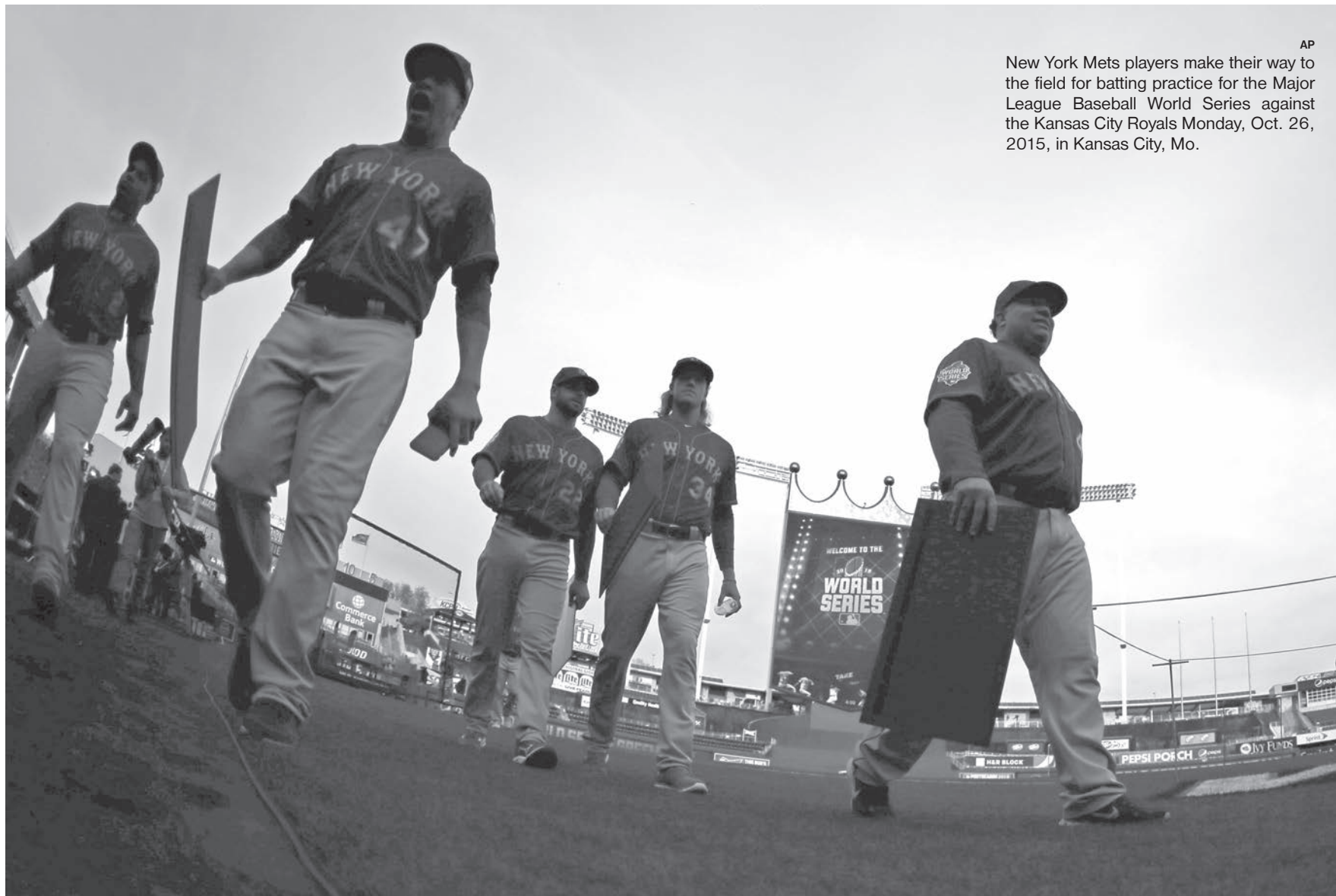
Game 1 is Tuesday night at Kauffman Stadium, with Harvey set to face Edinson Volquez.

"I don't think any of us have really sat back and kind of realized what we can accomplish as a group," Harvey said. "Right now, it's about our team and about winning."

Kansas City came excruciatingly close to winning it all last year, losing Game 7 at home to Madison Bumgarner and the San Francisco Giants with the potential tying run 90 feet from home plate.

"That's pretty hard to swallow. That's going to stay with you for a while," Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas said. "I think the only way to get rid of that feeling is to go out this year and finish the deal."

With cohesion and camarade-



AP
New York Mets players make their way to the field for batting practice for the Major League Baseball World Series against the Kansas City Royals Monday, Oct. 26, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo.

rie in mind, deGrom said New York's starters began watching each other warm up during spring training, when they all needed to be out on the field for the national anthem anyway.

It's not an entirely unique practice—veteran teammate

Kelly Johnson recalled St. Louis and Tampa Bay pitchers doing the same thing. But by the time rookies Noah Syndergaard and Steven Matz were called up from the minors, it was a signature part of the Mets' routine.

"It's just a great feeling to go

out there and know that the other starting pitchers are out there supporting you as well," Syndergaard said. "It's kind of like we have almost our own little unit to support each other and push each other to be better."

As catcher Travis d'Arnaud

put it: "It just shows that they have each other's back no matter what. They're always there for each other, good or bad."

There's been much more good than bad for New York's fantastic four under the pressure of their first postseason.

Showing savvy, poise and grit that bely their limited experience, they've already pitched the Mets to their first National League pennant in 15 years.

Now, they want the ultimate prize.

"We all have a mission to win this last series," said Matz, the Long Island lefty living out every boy's wildest dreams after growing up a Mets fan about 50 miles from Citi Field.

"There's still work to do," deGrom echoed.

Last season's NL Rookie of the Year, deGrom goes in Game 2 against enigmatic Royals newcomer Johnny Cueto. After winning 14 games this season, deGrom went 3-0 with a 1.80 ERA in three playoff outings.

When the series shifts back home to Citi Field, the Mets will turn to Syndergaard and Matz in that order - making them the first team since the 1997 Marlins (Livan Hernandez and Tony Saunders) to start two rookie pitchers in the World Series, according to STATS.

"I think we're all pretty mature when it comes to going out there and stepping on the mound," Syndergaard said.

The quartet has combined for only 147 career regular-season

starts, by far the fewest for a World Series foursome, STATS said.

Three of them already had

Tommy John surgery, yet the Mets were the hardest-throwing staff in the majors this year.

"You're talking about a handful of guys that

not only succeeded in matching the expectations that New York had for them, which is difficult in itself, but surpassing them—all at the same time," captain David Wright said.

Underneath the long locks and catchy, comic-book nicknames like Thor (Syndergaard), The Dark Knight (Harvey) and The deGrominator, these precocious Mets pitchers have winning stuff in spades.

New York's starters serve up much more than 95-100 mph fastballs, too. All of them have rapidly honed polished off-speed pitches and fine-tuned their ability to locate them precisely.

"These guys are going to be really good. And this experience is going to make them that much better," Mets manager Terry Collins said recently. "They're not just throwers, they're legitimate guys."

And now, those prized, electric arms New York rebuilt around have arrived on baseball's biggest stage. They'll take on a determined and experienced Royals team that thrives on making consistent contact at the plate.

"There's only two teams left," Kansas City manager Ned Yost said. "The whole world is watching."

Royals' Perez earning a reputation for being indestructible

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)— It's a good thing the Royals' Salvador Perez wears all that bulky catching gear.

When it fails to protect him from the bumps and bruises caused by all those bad pitches, foul balls and wayward swings, it at least covers up the rest of the black and blue marks.

"He takes such a beating," said his close friend Lorenzo Cain, the Royals outfielder slowing shaking his head at the thought. "Man, I know I couldn't do it."

When the Royals open the World Series against the New York Mets on Tuesday night, Perez will crouch behind the plate for the 312th time over the past two years. That will match the big league regular and postseason record for a two-year span set by Randy Hundley of the Chicago Cubs from 1967-68.

And while Hundley no doubt took his share of beatings, it almost certainly pales in comparison to the countless jammed fingers, battered shins and dizzying headaches that Perez has absorbed.

"He's a bulldog out there," Royals outfielder Alex Gordon

said. "There's really no ball that could hurt him. Bumps and bruises all over him, and he keeps going out there."

Last year epitomized Indestructible Sal.

Start with the 22 spring training he played behind the plate. Then the 150 he played in the regular season and 15 more in the postseason - of those, Perez started 158 at catcher, a big league record. Then, about a week after Perez made the final out in Game 7 of the World Series, he joined a contingent of All-Stars that played an exhibition series in Japan.

No wonder he skipped winter ball in his native Venezuela for the first time in years.

Royals manager Ned Yost, himself a former catcher, said in spring training he was going to give Perez more time off this year. Yost noticed the pounding the three-time All-Star had taken in 2014, and thought his postseason struggles at the plate were a reflection of it.

Apparently, more time off meant Perez only played 142 games this season after 16 in spring training.

"You've got to just kind of know it's part of the position,"

Yost said, "but Sal is suited perfectly for it. He's a big guy, extremely tough and he can take a beating."

In fact, he seems to embrace the beating. That's why one of trainer Nick Kenney's toughest tasks is trying to convince Perez to leave a game after a particularly bad blow.

"In the playoffs, the emotion, you have to have something broken to get me out of the game," Perez said. "We know the position. We know we're going to get hit. If you wait a second, the pain is going to be gone. I don't like to come out. It has to be really, really bad."

Royals assistant coach Pedro Grifol said the beating Perez takes is the result of a "perfect storm" of factors. At 6-foot-3, 230 pounds, Perez is exceptionally large for a catcher, which means more surface area to absorb those foul tips and pitches in the dirt. Then there's the fact that Kansas City has an abundance of power arms, so opposing hitters rarely make solid contact.

"There's nothing you can do about it," Grifol said. "Ned talks about it all the time, 'Can you guys start working on catching foul tips?' It's kind of

become a running joke."

Perez has experimented with mouth guards after the Royals grew concerned about the potential for concussions. The fact that he wears an old-school mask rather than more modern, hockey-style shields isn't a fashion statement, either: The older masks are a bit heavier, and the cages have a bit more bend than the titanium that is used in newer masks.

"We've taken a lot of different measures to see what we can do to help him," Grifol said, "but at the end of the day, there's not much you can do with such a hard-throwing staff."

Except maybe offer a little bit of sympathy. Perez gets plenty of it from his teammates, not to mention opposing hitters in the box - even the umpires crouching down behind him.

"They're always like, 'Wow, man! That one had to hurt,'" Perez said, flashing his infectious grin. "It's part of my job, being behind home plate. I don't know. I just like to play. I know I'm going to get hit at least one time every game. I just get ready for the first time."

"I can worry about the pain when the season is over."

LeBron staring at possible sixth straight trip to NBA Finals



CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James understands what it takes to reach the NBA Finals.

The route, strewn with obstacles and doubts, has become a personal path. He knows the way as well as anyone.

James has been to the league's showcase event five straight years and six times in the past nine. On his most recent visit, the four-time MVP, two-time Olympic gold medalist and global icon, reminded everyone he remains the game's biggest, brightest star.

And now, as he embarks on his 13th pro season, James, just two months shy of turning 31, understands getting back to the Finals will not come easy for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"We've got a long way to go," he said.

When he and the Cavs tip off Tuesday night in Chicago, the ending that Cleveland fans can only dream of—celebrating the city's first pro sports title since 1964—is nearly eight months away.

Right now, however, it's still just a dream.

James nearly carried the Cavs to the top in his first season back in Ohio. But they came up two wins shy of the championship. Last season's journey, loaded with injuries, trades and whispers, seems to have made him more confident a title will happen.

If not this season, then soon.

"I know what we're capable of," James said following a recent practice. "I didn't know what we're capable of going into the first game of the season last year. I knew it was going to be a long process. I still think it's going to be a process. It doesn't matter what we did last year, that's over and done with. We were happy how we progressed



AP
In this Dec. 25, 2014, file photo, Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) hangs onto the basket after a dunk during the second half of an NBA basketball game.

last year and how we played all the way to the end, but this is a new year."

Like last season, when they struggled trying to integrate Kevin Love into their offense and didn't mesh for months under first-year NBA coach David Blatt, the Cavs may need some time to jell. James recently received an anti-inflammatory injection in his back—his second in 10 months—and his minutes will be closely monitored all season.

Though he does a better job now of pampering his body, but the odometer is showing heavy mileage and the Cavs intend to rest him whenever possible.

He missed a career-high 13 games last season and averaged 36.1 minutes, his fewest in 12 seasons. There's a good chance he'll lighten his workload more this season, especially on back-to-back games or when the Cavs are playing three times in four nights.

The goal is not just self-preservation, but for James to be

healthy when the games matter most. The Cavs' sights are on wins in June, not January.

The last time James was on the floor during the playoffs, he played at a postseason level never seen before. During the Finals, James averaged 35.8 points, 13.3 rebounds and 8.8 assists—the greatest stat line in history—and nearly carried the Cavs to a crown before they were overpowered by the Warriors.

Of course, James had to step up his game since he was playing without Love and All-Star guard Kyrie Irving, who was injured in Game 1 and who will start this season on the sideline following surgery. But the sublime performance was a reminder of James' past—and his potential.

"He's playing his best complete basketball now," said Cavs guard James Jones, who has played with James in each of the last five Finals. "This team poses a challenge for him

because we have so many good players and now he's playing with a stacked deck. He's the type of guy that relishes that opportunity.

"What he does this year will be unlike anything he's ever done in the past because this team is definitely one of the more loaded teams he's ever played with."

In the end, the Finals will define him and shape his legacy. He can't get there alone and James said his five most recent visits were with teams who gave of themselves.

"Everyone has to sacrifice," he said. "Sacrifice your own agenda. Things are not always going to go well for yourself, but if everyone has the same common goal and that's working hard every single day, having those type of habits every single day. ... You have to have talent as well. But having guys going out there and just sacrificing for one another for the better of the team."

SIDEBAR

Metta World Peace makes Lakers' roster in NBA return

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—Metta World Peace has already carved out a remarkable 15-year NBA career that took him from the low of an 86-game suspension to the height of a championship with the Los Angeles Lakers.

And the man formerly known as Ron Artest isn't done yet.

World Peace earned a spot on the Lakers' roster on Monday, punctuating his comeback attempt after 19 months out of the league.

"It wasn't easy being a vet and trying to get back in the league," World Peace said after practice at the Lakers' training complex. "I don't want people to think I didn't work and just got lucky. I did a lot of hard work. Success for me is just enjoying the process, working hard, continuing to master the game of life and staying ready."

Los Angeles cut Jabari Brown to trim its roster to 15 players ahead of Wednesday's season opener against Minnesota. World Peace stuck with the Lakers, who value his veteran leadership and personal resilience as they attempt to come back from the worst season in franchise history.

The 35-year-old World Peace returned to the Lakers for training camp on a non-guaranteed deal last month, two seasons after the team waived him with the salary cap amnesty clause. He won the 2010 NBA title with the Lakers during four years with the club as a defensive stop-

per and a valued teammate of Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol.

World Peace also revitalized a public image that had previously been defined by his role in the infamous Malice at the Palace brawl in November 2004. He became a respected veteran leader for the Lakers, leaving bad behavior behind, well, aside from an elbow to James Harden's head in 2012.

"I try not to dwell on being on top of the mountain and then having that down time, some ups and downs," World Peace said. "I try to dwell on the future, but yeah, I did have some great times and some bad times in my career. Being a Laker, that's good times again. It's all about just staying persistent with your goals, seeing it through and staying consistent with your work ethic. Things will work out."

World Peace spent 29 games with the New York Knicks in 2013-14 before getting waived. His NBA career apparently over, he played in China and Italy last season, and he even became an assistant coach for the girls' team at a high school in suburban Pacific Palisades.

But World Peace got back in the game with hard work that didn't even start as a tryout. He trained at the Lakers' training complex last summer and worked extensively with Julius Randle, the promising power forward who broke his leg in his first NBA game last fall.

GMJ/IKKI

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minute to drop the leather down to Demapan, who was hounded by the taller Melendez under the basket.

Chris Estevez duplicated De Dios' error, as the former also turned gun shy, appearing to be pulling up for jumper before opting to pass the ball to Melendez in the paint. Blue Haus' Manolo Manalo anticipated the pass and threw the ball to Fernando for a fastbreak play. Fortunately for GMJ/IKKI, Esteves went back quickly on defense and swiped the ball away from a driving Fernando.

Blue Haus kept the possession, but turned the ball over anew as De Dios' kickout pass to Manalo was a bit short and was picked up by J.R. Barrios. Manalo was then forced to foul Barrios to stop the clock, which read at 17.3 seconds.

Barrios had a split to up their lead to 4, 79-75, and the scores remained unchanged as Demapan faltered on a jumper and

later hung on too long to the ball with Juan Camacho all over him before making a wrong pass, which Estevez caught, down to the last 2.3 seconds of the game.

Melendez top-scored for GMJ/IKKI with his 24 points, including 16 in the fourth quarter to foil Blue Haus' repeated comeback bids. He nailed a coast-to-coast layup that ended Blue Haus' 8-0 run and gave GMJ/IKKI more breathing room, 71-67, after their foes moved within two, 67-69. The mobile big man then fed Barrios underneath the basket to up their lead to six, 73-67, going into the final two minutes of the match.

A triple from Raymond Velasco cut the deficit to three, 70-73, but GMJ/IKKI hung on tight in the end to notch its fourth win in as many games.

Fernando led Blue Haus' losing cause with his 21 points, while Elmer Esdreton chipped in 17, but missed the entire fourth quarter as he fouled out in the last 45.6 seconds of the third period.

Meanwhile, the Sonics bagged their third straight win after dominating Triple J, 74-68.

Jaymark De Guzman paced the Sonics with his 14 points, while Melvin Cadiang and Francos Bondoc contributed 10 apiece.

First Game

Sonics 74 — De Guzman 14, Cadiang 10, Bondoc 10, Palacios 8, Dela Rosa 6, Sto. Domingo 6, Flores 2, Fidelino 2, Hernandez 2, Lansang 2.

Triple J 48 — Pestillos 16, Palacios 8, Olopai 8, Inos 6, Jarabe 6, Monkeya 4.

Scoring by quarters: 16-14, 40-27, 50-40, 74-48.

Second Game

GMJ/IKKI 79 — Melendez 26, Esteves 15, Barrios 8, Mangali 8, Villacrusis 6, Borja 5, Dizon 4, Camacho 3, Oyola 3, Ferrer 1.

Blue Haus 75 — Fernando 21, Esdreton 17, Manalo 15, Demapan 12, Velasco 9, De Dios 7, Berline 4.

Scoring by quarters: 20-18, 44-34, 62-57, 79-75.

CUTTING

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cial award. He added he plans to compete again in the latter part of next year or in 2017.

Aside from being an expectant father, Cutting said he is also busy with the opening of his Latte Built gym next year.

"I'm busy preparing my gym and we plan to open it in January next year. The actual gym is not yet done and I just finished painting it. There are still a lot of things that needed to be done," added Cutting. "I have to also prepare the business papers and

get other permits. The equipment is also coming in and we have to set everything up."

His Latte Built gym is located at the Commonwealth Development Authority building across the Oleai Beach Bar & Grill and The Shack Saipan.

He has been conducting boot camps with a number of his clients before at Micro Beach, but moved to the Carolinian Utt in Garapan as the former venue was littered with fallen trees and other debris in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

Cutting, who arrived on Saipan last April, said that he

never stopped training after placing second in a Guam tournament in September in preparation for the Dee Clayton Classic.

"I had an 18-week preparation. It's always nice to win and show the people what keeping fit and living a healthy lifestyle can do to you," said Cutting. "I just got to get my name out there and introduce myself to the community."

"It's also nice to see a younger group who wants to keep fit. I already have a few young boys training with me. These are some of the upcoming body-builders."

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Karina Dilse, Sebastian Camacho, Duane Torres, Sejin Kim, Anna Nunes, Wang Guanqiao, Eun Syu Hahn, Jerielle Francisco, Eunho Si, Leila Arroyo, Claimre Marzan, Calia Lieto, Joshua Pajarilla, and Andy Kim.

Meanwhile, three other middle school matches were played

yesterday, but results were unavailable at press time.

Seventh Day Adventist was slated to duel Saipan International School 3 at the SDA court in Chalan Kiya, while sister teams SIS 1 and 2 collided at the Geckos turf in As Lito. The other middle school pairing had Whispering Palms hosting Agape Christian School.

In the girls high school division, Mt. Carmel School 1 and

SIS 2 squared off at the Knights court in Chalan Kanoa, while MCS 2 faced the Lady Eagles in the second match. In the boys division, it was an all-Geckos affair with SIS 1 battling SIS 2.

Action in the girls high school division will continue today with SIS 1 taking on SIS 2 and the former also playing in the second game against Agape. In the middle school division, SIS 3 plays host to Mt. Carmel.

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MP United Football Club bagged its second win in as many games in the boys U18 division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League following a 5-1 triumph over Paire FC last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

MP United, which won its season debut against Matansa FC last Oct. 10, 2-0, made it two in a row after drawing goals from four different players in the second half.

The last 45 minutes of play started with MP United facing a 0-1 halftime deficit, as Paire lit up the board first off Saixian Bagsic's goal in the seventh minute. Keanu Diaz tied the match with his shot in the 53rd minute and then gave MP United the upper hand after getting his second goal five minutes later.

Moris Villanueva made it a 3-1 advantage with his conversion in the 68th minute, while Greg Sablan extended the lead to three after finding the back of the net two minutes later. Sunjoon Tenorio closed out for the Wes Bogdan-coached MP United with his goal in the 73rd.

In the other boys U18 pairing, Tan Holdings also earned its second victory in as many matches after slipping past Matansa, 2-1.

Sean Perez and Joel Fruit scored the pair of goals for Tan Holdings, which came from an easy 10-0 triumph over Paire in the season opener.

Perez put Tan Holdings on the board in the 35th minute, while Fruit registered his lone goal in the match in the 62nd. A Chad Shankweiler goal in the 63rd minute moved Matansa within one, but Tan

MP United eases past Paire



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A Paire Football Club defender, right, keeps an eye on an MP United player during the first half of their boys U18 game in the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Holdings' defense held on on tight in the end to keep the lead and the close victory.

BOYS U15 Kanoa 7, Tan Holdings-2 0

In the first game at the Oleai pitch, Kanoa barged into the win column after shutting down Tan Holdings-2.

Andrea Omelau powered Kanoa to its first win after scoring four consecutive goals, while Brian Lubao, Kirt Andon, and Merrick Toves chipped in one apiece. Omelau's string of goals began

in the 19th minute, while his next two came in the 23rd and 27th. He hit another one early in the second half to help Kanoa recover from its opening loss to Tan Holdings-1.

MP United 24, Shirley's FC 0

In the other boys U15 tiff at the Oleai pitch, MP United clobbered Shirley's to improve to a 2-0 record.

MP United, which won its first game against Paire, 6-0, had another walk in the park versus Shirley's (0-2), drilling one goal after another. MP United had 12 goals apiece in

the first and second half.

Incidentally, there were also 12 different players who scored for MP United. Edwin Kim, Michael Lee, and Cody Leon had three apiece, while Oliver Lee, Kevin Park, and Tenorio tallied two each. Joshua Abragan, Clayton Izuka, James Kim, Alex Park, Go Sekiguchi, and Seung Mock You were the other scorers for MP United, which got an own goal in the second half.

Paire 3, Matansa 2

Over at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, Paire edged Matansa to gain its first win in two games.

Kaden Church had a brace for Paire, including the go-ahead goal in the 71st minute. Church's other goal was recorded in the 61st minute and gave Paire a 2-1 advantage. Dai Podziewski knocked in the first goal for Paire four minutes into the second half to even up the match, 1-1.

John Joseph Bucayo posted the first goal for Matansa in the 20th and he also nailed the team's other goal in the 69th minute to force the second deadlock in the match before Church put Paire back on top two minutes later.

Fundraisers boost v-ball team's confidence

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The fundraising events served as a confidence booster to the CNMI Girls U19 National Team as the nine-member squad prepares to compete in the U19 Girls High School Championships set from Oct. 30 to Nov. 1 in Guam.

Coach Kathy Winkfield said the fundraising events, including last Saturday's car wash at Shell Puerto Rico, taught the girls the value of hard work as they try to achieve their goal of competing in Guam.

"The fundraisers were a big boost to their confidence and motivation because it really showed how much effort they were putting in to make this happen. The girls have been training and working hard to get to Guam," said Winkfield.

She added that even the serving rally, a separate fundraising event organized by the Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association last Oct. 11, also helped them to improve their skills.

"The success of the serving rally really made them focus not just on fundraising, but also on improving their skills to support their funds," Winkfield added.

The serving rally was the idea of coach Codie Sayles where two players try to serve as many balls in a five-minute time limit.

The team collected close to \$3,000 in both fundraising events.

"The car wash fared very well



with the girls washing and drying nonstop for the two hours they were there. We raised above our goal for the serving rally (\$2,347), which was \$547 above

what we targeted and \$613 with the car wash," added Winkfield.

Meanwhile, Winkfield said they have been practicing on sand and concrete courts due to the lack of indoor courts as the Gilbert C. Ada and Marianas High School gymnasiums

remain closed after being damaged by Typhoon Soudelor.

"We've been practicing five days a week both on the sand and concrete courts due to lack of indoor courts, but we're hoping that it will come to our advantage," she added.

The team leaves this Friday in an 8:40am flight to Guam. Danica Canedo, Marcy Ann Ermitanio, Knohlynn Gechig, Adele Hudkins, Julia Ishikawa, Emily Jones, Sabrina Pangelinan, Zarinae Sapong, and Jennifer Tan are the members of the squad.

SEDA to plan new season

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The Saipan Electronic Darts Association will be holding a team captain's meeting on Nov. 7 to plan the upcoming Bud Light league's winter/spring season.

The meeting will be held at Doro's Lechon in Middle Road right across the Mobil gas station in Garapan. The meeting for the new season is a welcome news to all darts players with some teams aiming to remain as champions and other squads hoping to improve their performances.

SEDA plans to open the winter/spring 2016 season on Nov. 16 starting with matches in the A and Ladies divisions.

Jonny's Bar, Sands Bar, VFW Post 3457, Blue Koi Tavern, Jokers Bar, Doro's Lechon, 6JMS Sports Bar, Oleai Beach Bar & Grill, Smoke Pub Sport's Bar, Wild Bills Bar & Grill, and Naked Fish Café are some of the

locations that are willing to sponsor darts teams.

SEDA have been holding weekly darts tournaments since Sept. 16 to serve as a practice and warm-up venue for players before the season starts. The association decided to hold the weekly darts tournament, along with billiards competitions, since most of the sponsor bars are still without power after Typhoon Soudelor.

League secretary Warlee Ellama added that once the new season starts, they would either call off the weekly tournament—played every Wednesday night—or hold it every Friday or Saturday.

"But it will all depend on the players. If they still want to have the weekly tournament or stop it so they could concentrate with the new season," said Ellama.

For more information, call Ellama at 233-4397 or 285-5967 or email at leagues@pacificamusement.com.



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Sabrina Pangelinan, left, and two other members of the CNMI Girls U19 National Volleyball Team dry one of the cars that they finished washing in last Saturday's car wash fundraiser at Shell Puerto Rico.

Little League meeting today

The Saipan Little League board is reminding all its members to attend today's meeting at 5pm at the pavilion beside the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The election of the new board members will be the main topic for discussion, as the outgoing officers want to have a new set of administrators that will plan the Saipan Little League's 2016 season.

SLLBI officials are trying to hold an election for a new set of board members, who will then vote among themselves to fill the seven positions—president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, chief statistician, player agent, and safety officer.

One must be present to be

elected and become a member of the Saipan Little League board.

The new president will then preside on all board meetings to plan the 2016 Saipan Little League season.

The SLLBI election was cancelled three times—twice due to lack of members and the other because



of Tropical Storm Champi.

SLLBI president Ben Jones wants the election to finally push through to give the incoming board a longer time to plan the upcoming Saipan Little League season. Jones suggested to members to bring individuals interested in the program so the group can have a quorum and hold the elections.

For more information, call incumbent SLLBI vice president Annie Flores at 285-1219 or Pid-jing Tenorio at 285-1024. (JVP)

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Cutting to take a breather

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Dee Clayton Classic reigning champion Derek Cutting plans to take some time off from serious training and competition as he wants to focus more on his family and the business that he will open next year.

Cutting, fresh from winning the overall crown in the fifth edition of the Dee Clayton Classic, said he plans to prepare himself for fatherhood and the opening of his gym in January.

"No plans yet to compete, especially with a baby on the way. My fiancée, Tannie Chong, who was born and raised on Saipan, is expecting," said Cutting in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Cutting competed as a middleweight in last Saturday's tournament and besides winning the bodybuilding division, he also received the Best Abs spe-

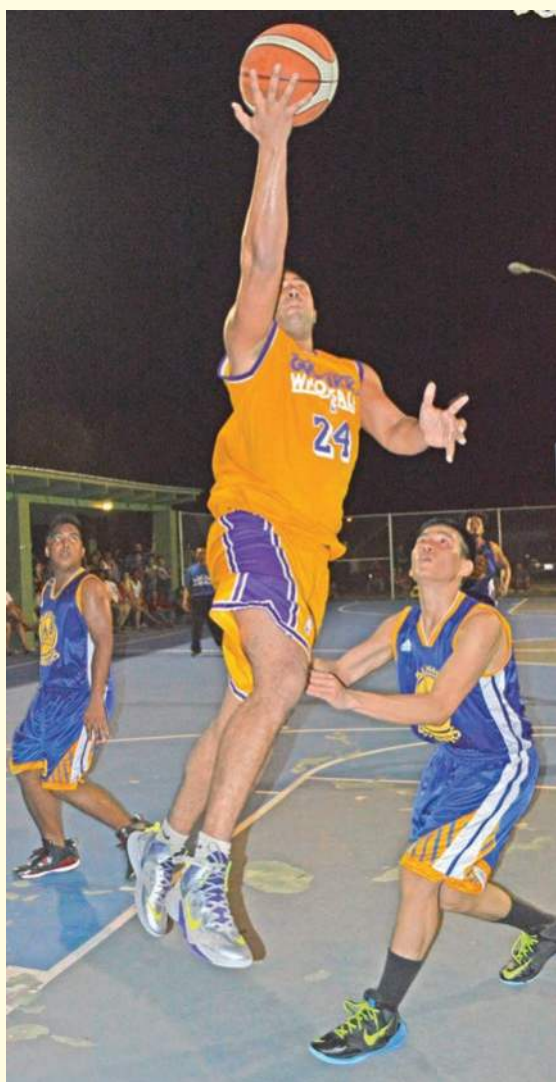
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Derek Cutting flexes his muscles during the final pose down in last Saturday's Dee Clayton Classic at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.



GMJ/IKKI keeps clean slate

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GMJ/IKKI Wholesale withstood Blue Haus' fourth-quarter rally to eke out a 79-75 victory and remain undefeated in the

Open division of 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League last Monday night at the San Antonio court.

Josue Melendez hit clutch baskets to save the day for GMJ/IKKI, while Blue Haus fell short in its comeback bid after committing a couple of errors in the homestretch.

Blue Haus trailed by as much as 10 points in the fourth quarter, but managed to move within a deuce on two occasions. The last time was at the 77-75 tally, going into the last 53.6 seconds of the game or after Angelo Fernando canned a banked jumper.

Melendez made it a 3-point cushion when he drew a foul on Bart Demapan on the other end and split his free throws. Blue Haus then had a chance to slice the deficit to one with a two-pointer or tied the match with a triple, but Marlon De Dios' pass to a cutting Demapan at the baseline went wide and rolled out, returning possession to GMJ/IKKI. De Dios had a good line near the free throw area, but decided at the last

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GMJ/IKKI Wholesale's Josue Melendez goes up for an uncontested layup, while Blue Haus' Angelo Fernando, right, and Raymond Velasco look on during their Open division game in the San Antonio caging at the San Antonio court.

GCA notches first win in middle school v-ball

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Grace Christian Academy made it to the win column of the middle school

division of the 2015-2016 Coalition of Private Schools Sports

Association Volleyball League after sweeping Saipan Community School-2 yesterday at the Eagles home court in Navy Hill.

GCA secured the win early after prevailing in the first two sets, 25-17, 25-3. The Eagles and SCS Tsunamis played the third set with the former still dominating the latter, 15-2, to

improve to a 1-1 record. GCA, incidentally, absorbed its first loss in the season to SCS 1 last Oct. 21.

The Eagles are coached by Cesar Libut and have 15 players on their roster. The list is composed of Clerrise Dacumos,

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Grace Christian Academy's Eunho Si tosses the ball during a scrimmage with his teammates after they beat Saipan Community School-2 in the middle school game of the COPSSA volleyball league yesterday at the GCA court in Navy Hill.